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DATE SET FOR THE MUNICIPAL ELECTIONS

Vote for Aldermen Will Take Place at Weston's Carriage Factory.

For the municipal elections polling will take exactly four weeks from today, on Thursday, January 13th. Nominations will take place on Monday, January 10th, Wm. W. Northcott will be returning officer. The vote for mayor will be taken at the police court, for school trustees at the old fire hall, with entrance on Pandora street, and for aldermen at John Meeson's new block on Broad street. The polls will be open between the hours of 9 a.m. and 7 p.m. There was a largely attended meeting of the supporters of Ald. Turner in his candidature for the mayorality last evening in the committee room, 614 Fort street. J. A. Alkman presided, and speeches were delivered by the candidate and a number of others. The reports received from the various canvassers were of the most encouraging character, and the opinion was general that Ald. Turner will have an easy victory, though no stone will be left unturned in the effort to wage a successful fight.

W. E. Oliver's next meeting will probably be in Victoria West. Mr. Oliver has already addressed most successful meetings at Spring Ridge, Pioneer hall and James Bay, and to the Times this morning he said that he was more than satisfied with the promises of support he had received from all classes in the city. Just at present speculation centres chiefly in whether the anticipated dark horse for the mayorality will put in an appearance. R. L. Drury is said to have intimated to his friends that "Barkis is willin'", and A. J. Morley still continues to "say nothing but saw wood."

PRINCE IN AUTO COLLISION. Kaiser's Son Escapes Uninjured, But Adjutant Is Cut About Head.

Berlin, Dec. 15.—Crown Prince Frederick William, in an auto accident early today, but escaped serious injury. While driving in Charlottenburg his motor car collided with another machine. The Crown Prince was severely shaken up, but otherwise uninjured. His adjutant, Lieut.-Col. Oppen, was thrown to the ground and badly cut on the head. The occupants of the other car were apparently unhurt. Their identity was not learned.

MUCH CIVIC WORK IN HAND

FOUR HUNDRED MEN EMPLOYED AT PRESENT

An Ample Supply of Gravel Now Said to Be Assured.

Some four hundred men are at present employed by the city engineer's department in the prosecution of the various works of local improvement which are under way in various sections of the city, and this force will be maintained all through the winter should weather conditions permit. The big jobs now in hand are the paving of the causeway (almost completed), the paving of Government street with wood blocks on the section lying between Fisguard and Discovery, the surface drain on Fernwood road, cement sidewalk on Vancouver street, and the sewerage system in Victoria West.

The surface drain now being put in on Fernwood road is the last of the big jobs of that character which were planned at the beginning of the year. There is much cement sidewalk work in hand in various sections of the city, but the job on Vancouver street is the largest of the lot. The expenditure on the sewerage system in Victoria West will be approximately \$12,000. The work of the cement sidewalks has been handicapped to some extent by the inability of the city to get gravel in sufficient quantities. Now that there is an assurance that there will be no further shortage of gravel, the work of completing the macadamizing of Cook street, Fort street south and Rockland avenue, between Cook and Moss, can be taken in hand and prosecuted vigorously.

C. R. Topp, the city engineer, said to the Times this morning that the outlook was for an exceptionally busy winter, and he hoped that weather conditions would remain favorable, as a considerable delay with the big jobs at present in hand had ensued, in consequence of the severe conditions which had occurred a few weeks ago. Mr. Topp said that while there was a desire on the part of the property owners to proceed with the work of paving Fort street immediately, and he would like to meet that wish as far as possible, he did not think it would be wise to commence that job until the winter had passed. It had been his experience in Victoria that where street paving had been commenced in the winter months the results had not proved satisfactory.

DISMISSAL OF MATRON ASKED

DR. HERMANN ROBERTSON TAKES DRASTIC ACTION

Says Mrs. King of Isolation Hospital Should Be Relieved of Duties.

Dr. Hermann Robertson, medical health officer for the city, has asked for the dismissal of Mrs. King from the position of matron of the isolation hospital. He gave the reasons for this action on his part at a special meeting of the civic board of health last evening. Mrs. King was also heard in her defence. No definite action was taken by the board last night, it being decided to take the matter up again at 7:30 to-morrow evening. Mayor Hall presided, and there were present when the meeting opened Ald. Ross, Raymond, Bishop, Henderson and McKeown. Ald. Bishop was called away during the evening, and though the board heard the statements of Mrs. King and her husband and Dr. Robertson, it was thought advisable to lay the matter before the full board before taking any definite action, and the absent members will be instructed to be present on Monday evening. A representative of the Times who was present was asked to retire before the enquiry opened.

The Times has been placed in possession of full information of the charges preferred against Mrs. King. Dr. Robertson, in his statement to the board last night, said he was reluctantly forced to ask for the dismissal of the matron on the grounds that she had shown herself unwilling to conform to the regulations of the hospital, had on numerous occasions questioned the authority and, lastly, had been guilty of grave remissness of duty.

In this latter connection the circumstances which led up to one of the nurses at the isolation hospital threatening an action for slander against Mrs. King, were touched upon. It was alleged that some short time ago an infant who was a patient at the hospital, suffering from diphtheria, had died. It is alleged that some days after the child's death the matron rang up the parent on the telephone and told him that the nurse in charge had beaten his child to death.

Dr. Robertson pointed out to the board that aside altogether from the truth or untruth of the charges which Mrs. King had preferred against the nurse, she had obviously been neglectful of her duty in not immediately reporting the matter to him. The fact that she had not done so showed clearly, he contended, that she was unfit for the position, and he would have to insist that she be dismissed if he was to continue to act in the position of health officer for the city.

Dr. Robertson said that in many other instances Mrs. King had shown that she was indisposed to work harmoniously in the interests of the institution. She had repeatedly had disputes with himself and the nurses, was frequently in a complaining mood, and he had come to the conclusion that the interests of the city demanded that her services be dispensed with. Mrs. King was heard in her own defence and she made a lengthy statement. She complained of the system of hiring the nurses and hinted at favoritism on the part of Dr. Robertson. She cited a number of instances in support of her contentions, and gave a general denial to the charges preferred by the medical health officer.

After hearing the statements as above outlined, the board conferred privately for some time and then decided to postpone any action in the matter until to-morrow evening.

JAPAN'S POLICY WILL NOT BE CHANGED

No Alterations Contemplated as Result of Murder of Prince Ito.

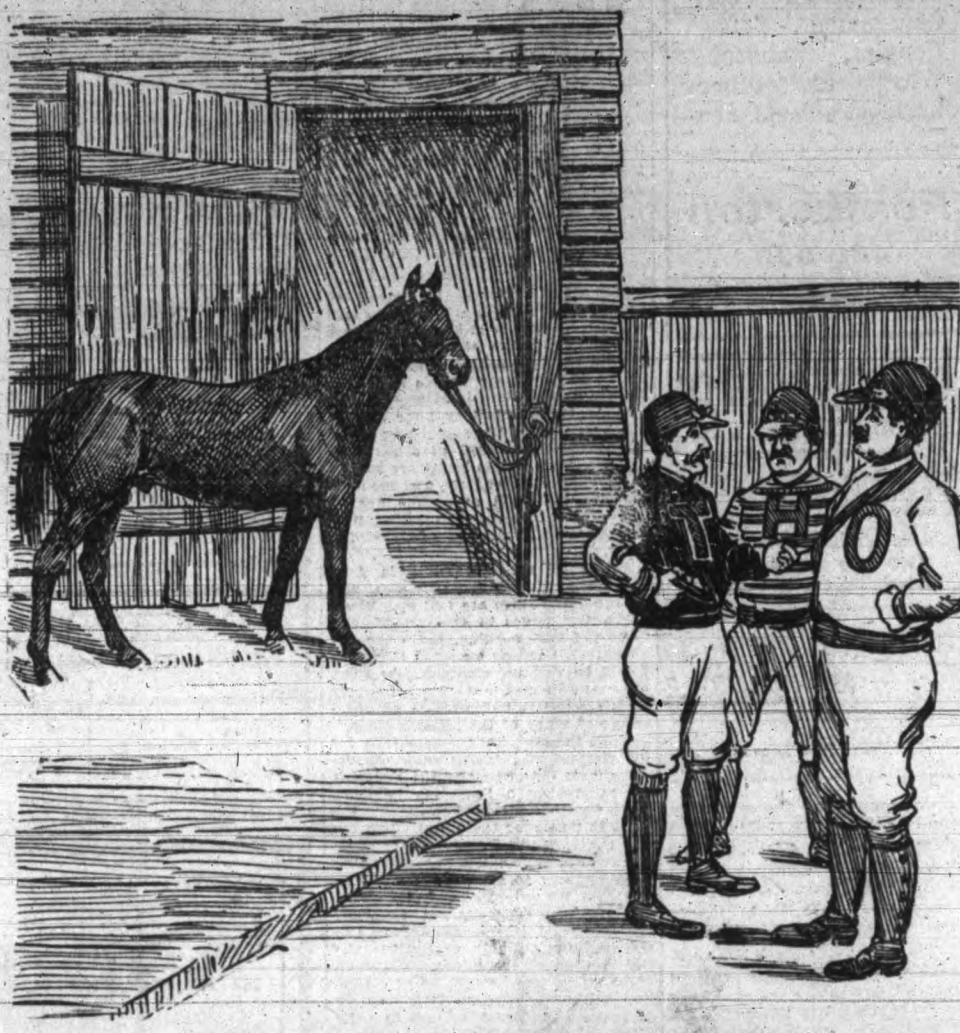
Tokio, Dec. 15.—A conference between Premier Marquis Katsuma and ex-Premier Marquis Saionji held recently was ostensibly for the purpose of making the assurance more assured that the death of Prince Ito would cause no change in the policy of Japan either at home or abroad. Marquis Saionji is at present the leader of the party in power in the diet with a majority over all others, and therefore represents the probable policies in the coming session.

CONVICT OF THEFT.

Chatham, Ont., Dec. 15.—"Guilty" was the verdict given by the jury at the December session yesterday afternoon in the case of Frederick W. Diehn, charged with the theft of \$1,552.75 from McArthur, a Sovereign bank clerk, by substituting a value filled with bricks and papers for that containing the amount of money, while McArthur's back was turned, in a railway carriage.

RAILWAY WAITING ROOMS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The railway commission proposes to order railway companies to construct within six months freight shelters and waiting rooms at all flag stations. This order will form a basis for discussion at the meeting of the board here on January 4th.



THE MAYORALTY DARK HORSE—WHOL' BE UP?

NEW ZEALAND-CANADIAN.

London, Dec. 15.—The Standard correspondent at Auckland writes that the greatest interest is being taken in the effort to establish a line of steamships between New Zealand and Canada.

AUSTRALIAN COMMISSIONER.

Melbourne, Dec. 15.—Sir George Reid has been appointed high commissioner for the Commonwealth in London.

DICTATOR AGAIN RULES IN FINLAND

Governor Given Power to Re- new Edicts Which Resulted in Murder of Bobrikoff.

Stockholm, Dec. 15.—The Helsingfors correspondent of the Aftonbladet says that the new governor of Finland, Major-General Zein, after a conference with the administration at St. Petersburg, has returned to Helsingfors, empowered to renew the fourteen edicts issued under Bobrikoff, whose dictatorship in Finland ended in his assassination in 1904.

NEW YORK POLITICIAN DEAD.

Rochester, N. Y., Dec. 15.—State Senator John Raines died at 1:45 o'clock this morning at the Canandaigua hospital of intestinal trouble after an illness of several weeks. During the period of his illness he had alternate relapses and rallies, his wonderful vitality leading his physicians and friends to hope that he might ultimately recover. Late yesterday afternoon all hope was abandoned when the patient was seized with hemorrhages. The family was hastily summoned to the bedside for the final parting. The physicians stated that a fourth hemorrhage would be fatal, but the patient passed away before it came.

Senator John Raines was a veteran legislator, having served successively as assemblyman, senator and congressman. He was perhaps best known as the author of the state liquor tax law.

NOVA SCOTIA MEMORIAL.

Halifax, Dec. 15.—The city council has voted to make a grant of \$2,500 towards the erection of a tower to cost \$20,000 on a park given by Sir Randolph Fleming to the city of Halifax. The tower will commemorate the establishment of representative parliamentary institutions in Nova Scotia 150 years ago. The council was asked for \$10,000, but this is all they could be induced to give.

STEEL CORPORATION EMPLOYEES.

Pittsburg, Dec. 15.—After a meeting yesterday it was stated that the United States Steel Corporation relied on profit-sharing system with its employees to hold them against the lure of labor unions which threaten war on the corporation. Fifty thousand men are affected.



BISHOP CRIDGE.

The venerable head of the Reformed Episcopal church enters upon his 93rd year to-morrow. His many friends, which means the entire population of this city, will wish him happiness and a continuation of health and strength. Bishop Cridge is enjoying health.

TRANSFER MILL THIS MONTH

NEW OWNERS WILL TAKE POSSESSION

Improvements to Wharf and Enlargement of Capacity to Commence at Once.

The Sayward Mills will be formally transferred some time between the 1st and the end of the year, and immediately on taking it over the Michigan and Puget Sound Lumber Company will commence the work of enlarging its capacity. It will be increased to such a size that complete ship loads of lumber can be quickly cut, thus making the export business profitable.

The Michigan and Puget Sound Company has already several mills on the coast which are doing an export business. They are the Michigan capitalists who have moved West since the timber in the East has become scarce. The firm is controlled by the same group that form the Michigan Pacific Lumber Company.

The contemplated improvements include not only the enlargement of the capacity of the mill in the upper harbor, but the extension of the present wharf to make it more suitable to the needs of a big mill. There is plenty of water at the spot since the dredge has been working in that neighborhood, but the wharf has not sufficient storage capacity.

ago that they contemplated erecting it in Esquimalt harbor, but the management of the firm is reticent as to the location. Naturally they wish to secure the site before publishing the fact that they are looking for one in the neighborhood.

The increase in the size and number of the lumber mills in and around this city is one of the factors which account for the movement in local realty. Of course there are a great many other things which will make this a great city, but the lumber mills here and at Esquimalt will contribute considerably.

DUMA CENSURES MINISTER OF JUSTICE

Lawyers Forbidden to Confer With Prisoners in Political Cases.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 15.—The Duma has adopted a vote of censure against M. Nitchevolovitch, minister of justice, for issuing a circular barring lawyers from access to the prisons of the defendants in political cases, who therefore are deprived of the right of conference with their counsel. The minister stated that he would disregard the Duma's vote.

MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—On the 21st instant, property owners of the city are to vote on a proposal to borrow \$2,000,000 for the purpose of establishing a municipal light plant. The Citizens' Association yesterday applied to the courts for an injunction to prevent the holding of the contemplated poll, the principal grounds being that the by-law was defective in some of its terms and that it was not advisable under the present conditions to allow the council to act on so important a question.

CONSCIENCE MONEY.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Collector of Customs Bertman has received an anonymous letter containing \$10 and the following explanation: "Duty on two small pieces of silk brought in for a dress some twenty years ago on which duty was not paid." The money represents the duty on \$30 worth of silk, and has been turned over to the proper collector. The last letter received by Collector Bertman was from some conscience-stricken individual who sent five cents to pay duty on some personal trinkets.

TELEGRAPH RATES.

Montreal, Dec. 15.—The Board of Trade council has decided to ask the telegraph companies to hold a conference with its representatives for the purpose of discussing a reduction in telegraph tolls between Montreal and Winnipeg.

LOCAL OPTION CAMPAIGN.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—There will be local option contests in 161 municipalities in Ontario on January 3rd and a strong campaign is being made by the Dominion Alliance. A strong corps of speakers is in the field.

SCHOONER GOES ON SHOAL IN GALE

THE GOVERNOR AMES IS A TOTAL LOSS.

Captain, His Daughter and Twelve of the Crew Lose Their Lives.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 15.—The five-masted schooner Governor Ames, bound from Brunswick, Georgia, to New York, with a cargo of railroad ties, grounded and went to pieces off Wimbledon shoals, 25 miles north of Cape Hatteras, on Monday, and the captain, his wife and the crew of 12 men were killed or drowned, according to the story told by Josiah Spearling, the sole survivor of the wreck, who was brought here last night by the steamer Shawmut.

Spearling was picked up Wednesday morning badly battered and half dead from cold. He says that the schooner struck about midday on Monday in a high wind and heavy fog. All attempts to launch rafts failed. The captain's wife was injured to one part of the ship and then to another, a mast finally falling upon her and killing her. Spearling was thrown into the sea, but struggled up to some ties and hung on until rescued.

First Five-Masted Schooner.

Boston, Dec. 15.—The loss of the five-masted schooner Governor Ames, which was wrecked off Cape Hatteras on Monday, was the hardest blow that local shipping has received this year. The Ames was the first five-masted schooner built, and during her 21 years' career she had a number of accidents, and was completely dismantled on her maiden trip. The Governor Ames was valued at \$75,000. She was built at Waldoboro, Maine, in 1888. Her gross tonnage was 1,778 net, tonnage 1,588, and she was 245 feet long.

Dredge Lost.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 15.—The tug Tormentor has returned here with the report that the dredge which she was towing from here to Cristobal, Panama, foundered during the storm off Cape Lookout on Monday with the loss of five men, including the captain and chief engineer.

WIFE MURDERER TO HANG.

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—The Dominion government has decided not to recommend executive clemency in the case of Henry Zebby, a Pole, who killed his wife at Vegreville several months ago. He will be hanged on the 21st of this month. Zebby was tried in Edmonton at the last session of the Supreme court. The defence in the case was insanity.

SCHOOLS OVERCROWDED.

Calgary, Dec. 15.—Despite the fact that Calgary has this year largely added to its schools it is found that there is even now an overcrowded condition in certain schools throughout the city. It is reported that nearly 700 new pupils have been admitted to the public schools of the city this term.

F. F. PARDEE, M. P., ILL.

Sarnia, Dec. 15.—F. F. Pardee, M. P. for West Lambton, and chief Liberal whip, was operated upon at the Sarnia general hospital for appendicitis. His condition is reported favorable.

BANK ROBBERS STEAL GOLD.

Fresno, Cal., Dec. 15.—Three daring crackmen broke into the bank at Exeter, broke the combination of the safe with axes and got away with \$7,000 in gold.

MOUNTED POLICE OFFICER DEAD

Inspector Church, Who Trained Charger for Prince of Wales, Passes Away.

(Special to the Times.)

Winnipeg, Dec. 15.—Inspector Church, the best horseman in the Mounted Police, who was specially selected by the Prince of Wales as a member of the police contingent at the Quebec tercentenary, died today at Hudson Bay Junction. He trained the Prince's charger, George A. that he rode during his trip across Canada, and was the recipient of many valuable gifts from the Prince.

MINING SUIT.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—The Colonial Development Syndicate, of London, England, commenced a suit before Mr. Justice Latchford yesterday in the non-jury sittings against W. S. Mitchell, of Boston, and James A. Mitchell, of New York, to recover sums aggregating \$100,000 advanced to purchase mining claims in the Cobalt district.

COMPENSATION FOR SHIPPERS.

Ottawa, Dec. 15.—The railway commission has issued an order providing that grain shippers furnishing car doors for their shipments should be allowed \$1 for uppers and 50 cents for lowers west of Fort William and 50 cents for both kinds east of there.

PROPOSED TAX ON COLONIAL GRAIN

LIBERAL MEMBER ON TARIFF REFORM

Conservatives Have Abandoned One of Chamberlain's Prin- ciple Planks.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—A special London cable says:

L. G. C. Money, Liberal member for North Paddington, points out that the Conservative tariff commission has abandoned one of Chamberlain's principal propositions, namely, that colonial foodstuffs should not be taxed. On the contrary the commission favors a tax of one shilling a quarter on colonial grain and two shillings a quarter on foreign grain. This would yield a revenue of \$1,000,000, and British wheat growers would make \$3,000,000 yearly by the advance in price.

There are many evidences that Conservatives feel that dear food is not a popular proposition. They are claiming, for instance, that the tariff will not be a determining factor in the price of bread, and are using with cleverest figures showing that bread has risen one penny and a half under the Liberal regime without a tariff.

There is no sign yet of the statement in such general use at the last election that the preference on food stuffs was needed if the colonies were to remain attached to the empire.

The Daily Chronicle says that Andrew Bonar Law, a Canadian by birth, is the ablest of the tariff reform leaders now that Mr. Chamberlain is no longer in active service.

Reginald McKenna, first lord of the admiralty, speaking at a meeting at South End, referring to the contribution of New Zealand and Australia of two Dreadnoughts, mentioned that as only one of the great efforts at empire consolidation undertaken by the present government. It would be a lasting memorial to the fame of the Liberal government.

Deserts Liberal Party.

London, Dec. 15.—Sir J. Swinburne, one of the most prominent supporters of the Liberals in the north of England, has severed his connection with the party on account of the budget.

Lose Campaign Ammunition.

London, Dec. 15.—The Board of Trade report on which the Conservatives hope to make campaign capital, aids the Liberals instead and is satisfactory in every way, proving improved conditions throughout the country.

NATIONALISTS AND HOME RULE

ASQUITH'S STATEMENT IS TOO INDEFINITE

Redmond Hopes Election Will Leave Balance of Power in His Hands.

London, Dec. 15.—The Irish situation is developing with exciting rapidity. The pronouncement of the National directorate of the United Irish League, advising Irishmen to vote for the government, of little moment, for it will only affect votes which have gone to the Liberals in previous contests.

What Mr. Redmond has really done is to put a powerful weapon into the hands of his bitter opponents within the Nationalist party, who hold that he has given away the chief without securing guarantees as to what Premier Asquith really means. They are using with marked effect Redmond's own previous declaration that Home Rule stands no chance at all if prior place in the Liberal programme is given to a bitterly contested and long drawn out constitutional conflict over the House of Lords and such questions as Welsh disestablishment. Even if the Radicals are returned these two questions must occupy the two first sessions of parliament, leaving Ireland the merest crumbs from Liberal feast. Mr. Redmond's hope is that so small a majority as to leave the balance of power in the hands of the eighty Nationalists, in which case they could compel Mr. Asquith, at the risk of his political life, to place Home Rule even before the Lords' question.

Meanwhile the land purchase schemes of Unionists and Radicals alike have been creating a new Ireland with protectionist ambitions, to which it is believed tariff reform makes a strong appeal.

The Unionist leaders are being influentially urged to run tariff reform candidates in a number of Irish Nationalist constituencies.

Some of Mr. Asquith's moderate friends are also insisting that by taking up Home Rule he is killing his own agitation against the Lords. If the Radicals go to the country on two separate issues and win they expect to be told that they have a clear verdict on neither.

Peers in Contest.
Peers all over the country are throwing themselves into the thick of the fight, and are being severely heckled by workmen class audiences.

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NATIONALISTS

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(Continued from page 1.)

"Amusing scenes are the result. In Stamford division Lord Kesteven was practically refused a hearing. 'Do you want a song?' his Lordship asked, when the interruptions compelled him to resume his seat. A general uproar followed, with shouts of 'The constitution.' 'If you will only get a word in edgewise, only edgewise. Please noble peer.'"

An elector wanted to know by what right Lord Kesteven controlled the villages.

Lord Kesteven replied: "Because I've put my money into them." Then as interruptions broke out afresh he went on: "I love all this. It is all the joy and fun of life and it's what I like." Whereupon some one shouted: "Yes, and you will have to fight this time, too."

At Chamberwell, Lord Newton asked: "What is the actual situation?" Some one promptly replied: "Helping land-lords and brewers," but the climax came when his Lordship asked, "If a peer, myself for instance, makes an ass of himself, is it open to the Commons to say that members of the House of Peers are all asses?"

The audience laughed too heartily to reply. Lord Harris, endeavoring to speak at a half reform meeting at Sheerness, found the opposition too strong and ultimately left the hall in indignation. As a rule, however, the peers are making a far better show than most people expected.

Punch Cartoons. Punch hits off the situation by a central cartoon, picturing a crowd of workmen outside a factory, faced by the mildest of peers. The wording below the cartoon is as follows: "Average peer on stump. 'Ladies and gentlemen.'"

"British workmen in audience to those around: 'Ullio mates, where's 'is sinister eye and 'is ravenous maw and bloodstained dagger, same as in papers?'"

The cartoon is headed, "Dis-illusioned."

PULP INDUSTRY.

London, Dec. 15.—At a meeting of the Amalgamated Press, Lord Northcliffe's report, dated from Grand Falls, was read. Lord Northcliffe says: "It has been stated by shareholders that the government of Newfoundland in some way hampers such developments as the Anglo-Newfoundland Company. We have no complaint whatever against the government, both political parties being equally anxious to develop the country."

Lord Northcliffe fears that the speed of development of the pulp industry of Newfoundland will lead to the formation of wild cat companies and he warns the public against embarking in these industries without inquiry.

INSURANCE SHORTAGE.

New York, Dec. 15.—The Atlanta office of the Phenix Fire Insurance Company of Brooklyn is short approximately \$50,000, and has been since January 1st, 1907, according to a statement issued last night by the state department of insurance. This adds further complexities to the affairs of the company, whose president, Geo. P. Sheldon, deposed, is now under indictment charged with grand larceny. The statement in part follows: "The state department holds certain property turned over by Mr. Stockwell, the general agent of Atlanta, but such property is not thought to be enough to balance the shortage. Mr. Sheldon was informed of the shortage in January, 1907, but he did not report it until the present examination began. He then mentioned it to another officer of the company, and asked that the amount be charged off. This officer was Vice-President Ingraham, who declined to charge off the account as requested."

The harbors committee of the board of trade met this morning and considered the plans for the G. T. P. wharves. Some suggestions were made, but the plans in the main met with approval. A report will be made to a special general meeting, which will be called for early next week.

COAL STRIKE IN AUSTRALIA

MOVEMENT ASSUMING LARGE PROPORTIONS

Aim of Strike Leaders to Have Mines Made National Property.

The big coal strike was the one theme on which the arrivals from Australia this morning on the steamer Aorangi would talk. According to the officers of the ship there were 25 steamers tied up at Sydney, all the result of the strike. Business was being tied up in every direction and the movement threatened to spread to practically all the lines which are well organized. Coal is still selling at a price, and it is with difficulty that any quantity can be secured even at that price. In the near future it will be impossible to secure it at any price.

In Australia it is illegal for men to strike without first submitting their grievances to a board of arbitration. The workings of this board are said to be sometimes rather slow, and the miners are impatient at certain alleged grievances. The result was that they decided to break the law by all leaving work.

Nearly all the coal mines in Australia are in New South Wales, and all the mines there are tied up. There are a few mines in Queensland, and are a few in Victoria, but when the strike was in progress, it was expected that they would be tied up within a few days. This would stop the whole coal supply of the country, and with it all shipping and many of the manufactures.

While the movement is ostensibly for the purpose of securing the mines, it is in reality a large revolutionary move for the purpose of compelling the state to take over the mines. Just before the Aorangi left, the premier made a proposal by which enough men should return to clean up the mines, and that the grievances should all be settled by arbitration. This was refused, and in the meantime the Labor party is strongly urging the nationalization of the mines.

The strike was brought on at a time best suited to the men. It is summer at present in Australia, and in their warm climate nothing is at present required but a little food. Shipped the season when the wool is shipped. As Australia produces more than half of the wool of the world, it can easily be imagined what huge dimensions the business has attained. Numerous ships are employed in carrying away this crop to the markets of the world, mostly to Great Britain, but these are unable to operate without coal. The result is that the wool is tied up.

In the latest effort to effect a settlement, Premier Wade, who took the leading part on behalf of the government, was ill, but he received a delegation from the men in his bedroom. Mr. Wade had not had a good night, and was unable to be on his feet. So, propped up with pillows, and attended by doctors, he sat in his bed and received his visitors. Twenty minutes the interview was to last, but Mr. Wade himself, in spite of the pain he obviously was in, spoke for about half an hour. The delegates, consequently, were obliged to cut their remarks short. They were unable to accept the proposal of the Premier, and made a counter proposal, which Mr. Wade is now considering.

This offer was that there should be an open conference between the mineowners and the men, but under the condition that no coal should be hewn either before or while it was in progress, the men, however, to clean up the mines and put them in order in readiness to resume work.

It is quite certain that Australia is passing through an industrial crisis, and it is impossible to foretell where it will end. That it will be a temporary check to her commercial progress seems certain, but how far reaching it will prove no one can forecast.

INSURANCE BILL.

Toronto, Dec. 15.—Without one dissenting voice, the executive committee of the Dominion Marine Association yesterday voiced its complete disapproval of the insurance bill now before the Senate, so far as the clauses relating to marine matters are concerned. The bill is designed to absolutely prohibit the placing of insurance, including marine risks, in companies not holding a Canadian license, said Mr. King. At the present time not a single Canadian company is prepared to assume, say, a million dollars of liability on a fleet of vessels valued at \$100,000 apiece, and that is only one fleet.

The mother of a boy who was charged at Manchester children's court with theft said she had even burned the boy's fingers to stop his stealing.

BASEBALL MAGNATES MEET IN NEW YORK

Presidential Tangle in the National League Not Yet Unravelled.

New York, Dec. 15.—"Who's who" in the affairs of the National Baseball League for the coming season was the sole topic of discussion to-day when the magnates of that organization met to select a President.

Overnight conferences did not seem to develop any progress in bringing about a solution of the tangle which the National League has been futilely trying to unravel for two days. Barney Dreyfuss, head of the Pittsburgh Pirates, has informed him that he will not vote for John M. Ward, though not indicating that he will stand for Heydler. New York is making the fight for John M. Ward and John T. Brush, owner of the local National League Club, is managing the campaign to depose Heydler. Brush, it was said, to-day feels that if Ward is thrown down it will be a victory for John Johnson, president of the American League, and that in such an event the National League would become subservient to the interests of the American League.

"I won't vote for anybody else but Ward," said C. H. Ebbetts, of the Brooklyn club to-day.

When the magnates went into session to-day Heydler was backed by Cincinnati, Boston and Pittsburgh; Ward's adherents were New York, Chicago, Brooklyn and Philadelphia.



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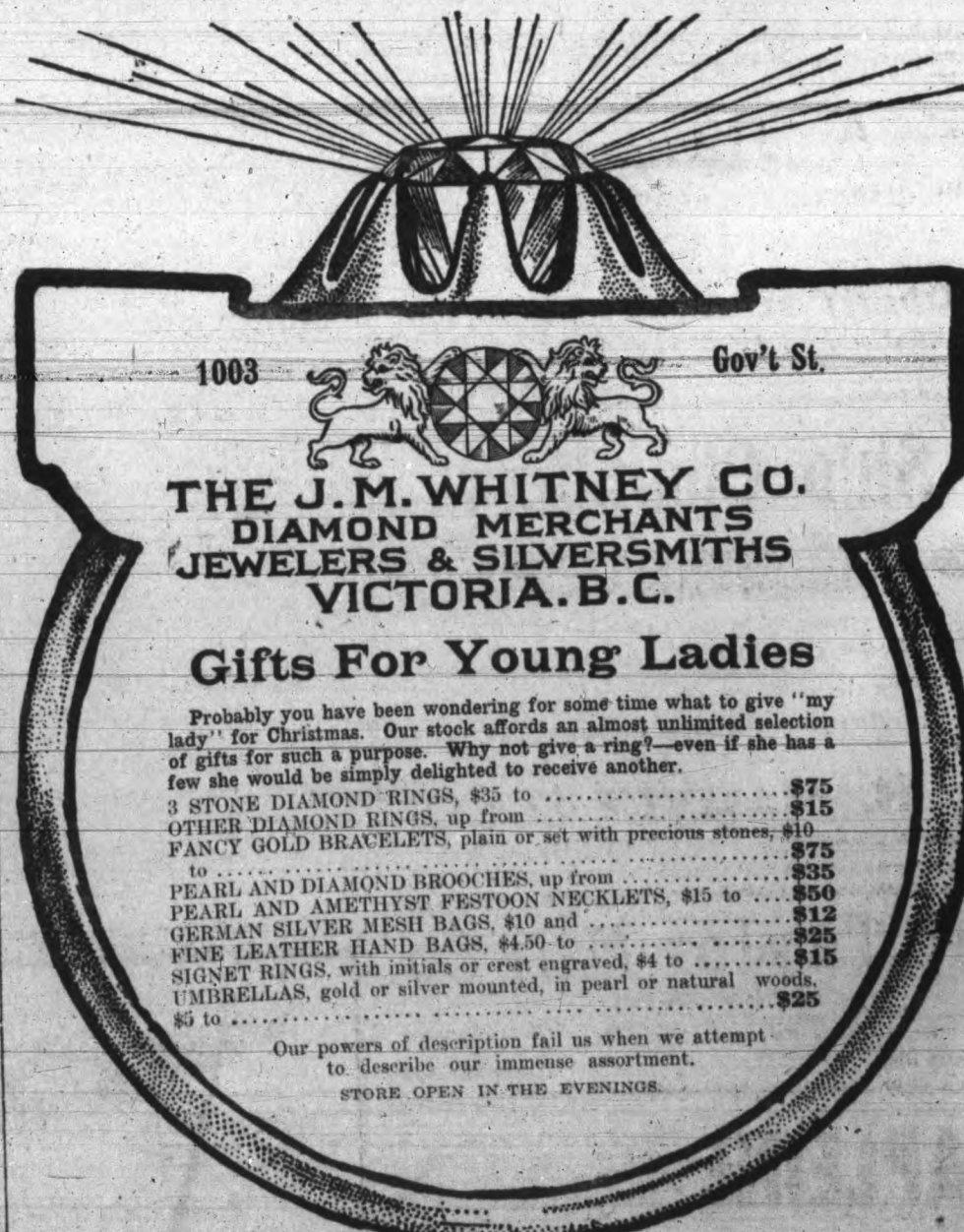
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BRITISH ADMIRALTY
DECIDES ON CHANGES

Number of Warships Will Have
Permanent Base in
Orkneys.

London, Dec. 16.—Early next year changes of great importance will be made in the distribution of the British naval forces in the North Sea. The second division of the home fleet, consisting of the eight battleships of the King Edward class, and the second cruiser squadron, consisting of the armored cruisers Shannon, Natal, Achilles, Warrior and Cochrane, will be permanently based on the Orkneys. These twelve large ships will be supported by twenty-four destroyers.

The first division of the home fleet consisting of four Dreadnoughts and two Lord Nelsons and two other battleships, with the first cruiser squadron, composed of the three Invincibles and two other armored cruisers, will, it is understood, be based upon Sheerness instead of Portland, as at present. The Atlantic fleet will also retain its present base, Dover.

There is reason to believe that the Channel fleet will be reconstituted under a new name—as the flying squadron—and that it will be composed of two battleships of the Formidable type with four of the Albion class and probably some armored cruisers. Its cruising ground will be the Atlantic, between Queenstown and Gibraltar.

These changes will raise the fully commissioned strength of the fleet in home waters from twenty-two to twenty-eight battleships, and will compensate for the reductions carried out three years ago. Early next year the China fleet will be remodelled, the armored cruisers King Alfred, Kent, Monmouth and Suffolk being replaced by the more modern and powerful Minotaur, Shannon and Defence.

RULES OF COMMONS TO BE CHANGED

Committee Will Devise Means
to Expedite Business
Before House.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—In the House of Commons Sir Wilfrid Laurier moved that a special committee of nine members be appointed to examine the rules of the House and to report the changes which in their opinion might be adopted with a view to accelerate and expedite business. The following are the committee: Sir Wilfrid Laurier, Hon. L. P. Brodeur, Hon. W. Pugsley, D. D. McKinnon, L. Borden, F. B. Carroll, Hon. J. G. Haggart, S. Barker and Hon. C. Doherty.

Mr. Borden said he had no objection to the committee. There were cases when the time of the House might be saved.

W. F. MacLean hoped that this committee would not interfere with members of parliament. He pointed out that the House of Representatives of the United States had lost its liberty, and he hoped the same would not befall the Dominion House.

In reply to Mr. Foster, Sir Wilfrid said the government had no intention of using its authority to curtail the freedom and privileges of parliament. What they wanted was free discussion on matters upon which there ought to be a definite ruling.

Martin Burrell, on the question of privilege, said the report in the newspapers of expulsion of a student, G. S. Scott of Toronto, from Saxony as a result of alleged injury to a peasant, was a matter well worthy the attention of the government.

In reply to a question by Glen Campbell, Sir Wilfrid said he had not been asked to resign either his Ottawa or Quebec East seat.

HUDSON BAY RAILWAY PROJECT

Deputy Minister Butler Reports
in Favor of Port Nelson
Route.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—There is no room for doubt that Port Nelson is the much better harbor, says Mr. M. J. Butler, deputy minister of railways, in the report on the Hudson Bay railway project, which has been tabled in the Commons. The two lines considered were to Fort Churchill and Port Nelson, from the Pas Mississin. Comparing the Port Nelson route with the other, he says:

"The line is shorter by 67 miles; the country through which it runs is better, and the possibility of local business is altogether with the Nelson route. There is also a probability that a fair proportion of the route is available for settlement, whereas on the Churchill route there is no such



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Children's White Woolen Overalls, with and without feet, 90¢ and 75¢
Children's White Muslin and Lawn Dresses, trimmed with lace and embroidery, (three to ten years), \$6.50, \$5.50, \$4.50, \$4.00, down to per pair, \$1.25, \$1.00, 75¢ and 50¢

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Children's Pinettes of White Nain-sook, trimmed with lace and embroidery, sizes 3 months to 5 years, 90¢, 75¢, 50¢, 35¢ and 25¢
Children's Socks, in silk (white only), at 50¢
Children's Socks, open work, cashmere, in white and tan, per pair, 50¢
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carrying the revolver in his hand. Stopping in some underbrush several hundred yards away, he sat down on a log and, placing the revolver to his temple, blew out his brains. He was found half an hour later.

Kerns was the woman's second husband. The murderer and suicide was 60 years of age and his victim 20 years younger. They were married six years ago.

MAN BURNED TO DEATH.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 16.—A fire brick building on South Clinton street which broke out in the fourth story yesterday, resulted in the death of one man and the fatal injury of another. An explosion on the third floor was the cause of the fire, which spread rapidly. Six persons were carried down ladders by the firemen and a number of others jumped from upper stories.

During the last 105 years the British parliament has had only ten Speakers.

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TARIFFS AND TRADE RELATIONS.

The portion of President Taft's message which dealt with the necessity of applying the Payne-Aldrich tariff with discretion has been interpreted as favorable to the contention of Canada that neither the British preference nor the French treaty can be considered as unfavorable discrimination against the United States and that it behooves the tariff commissioners who are charged with the duty of ordering the maximum provisions of the bill into force to analyse the situation very carefully before taking action.

It would of course be presumptuous to insinuate that a rich and powerful nation such as the United States could be influenced in its fiscal courses by the attitude of a comparatively insignificant country such as Canada, yet it may be that the indifference of the people of Canada to the course of her neighbor, together with the fact that the balance of trade is so greatly in favor of the republic, has something to do with the pacific suggestions of the president.

A nation which sells to us three dollars' worth of products, natural and manufactured, for every dollar's worth it purchases from us surely has no reason to be dissatisfied with the existing conditions. It has little reason to run the risk of provoking a tariff war.

Canada could hardly be the party to suffer most from the precipitation of such a conflict. The American people are pre-eminently a nation of traders.

Naturally they are keen to get the better of their neighbors in all transactions of a business nature. Although by reason of the marvellous richness of their great land they have for many years occupied a post of vantage compared with both older and newer nations, they have not been satisfied with the natural strength of their position. They have striven to increase its strength by artifice.

Hence the growth of the protectionist spirit among the nations, for which they are chiefly responsible.

The attitude of the United States, fiscally, did undoubtedly compel Canada to take measures for her own protection. We have gone as far in that direction as the majority of us care to travel under existing conditions, but there is no telling how much farther we might be compelled to go should the provisions of the Payne-Aldrich measure be applied to us with hostile intent. It would be a pity, if not a calamity, should relations which have been so amicable for a number of years, and from which both countries have derived admitted benefits, be disturbed by a futile attempt to dictate from Washington our fiscal policy not only with the United States, but with Great Britain and all foreign countries.

The political struggle at present proceeding in Great Britain should constitute a warning to the United States. To a certain extent the Americans are responsible for one of the features of that battle. One of the political parties of the Mother Country has adopted the protectionist policy as its battle cry. It is not so much protection to home industries that is urged as an excuse for a departure from the principles which have been in force for half a century as the necessity of forging a weapon that will smash the obstacles to international trade and give the British access on fair terms to the markets of the world.

The champions of the protectionist system do not attempt to plead that on principle it is sound. What they contend is that the growth of the system has been so great within recent years that Great Britain occupies a position of complete commercial and industrial isolation, every nation having become protectionist, and that there appears to be but one avenue of escape from the fiscal ambush. If the British markets were not free to all, if a system of protection were adopted, Imperial statesmen would be in a position to negotiate for concessions and if necessary to force the hands of their aggressive neighbors.

Now the logic of that argument may not appeal very strongly to the electors of Great Britain during the present campaign, because the overshadowing issue is the unwarranted action of the House of Lords in rejecting the budget. But when the present turmoil has passed away and the leading issue has been forgotten, it may present itself to

the reasoning voter with greater force. In conjunction with the appeal for closer trade relations with the overseas dominions it may ultimately prevail.

In such an event the United States would either lose a large portion of the trade of her best customer, according to the theories of ardent protectionists, or she would be compelled to make sacrifices in her home markets for the sake of retaining the profitable British market. But in our opinion the result would be a levelling down of tariff walls all over the world—and that would not be inimical to the best interests of the human race.

The annual statement of the Bank of Montreal, one of the foremost financial institutions of the world, published in the Times last evening, was doubtless perused with profit by many of our readers. The speech of the Vice-President, Sir Edward Clouston, was not confined to observations upon the business and progress of the bank. It dealt with the progress of Canada during the year under review and, although the great responsibilities of such a position naturally incline its occupant to conservatism, there was a note of optimism in the observations of Sir Edward that could not be otherwise than most gratifying to Canadians. The part the west has played in the improvement in business was emphasized. The year, it was pointed out, has already been made a record one in the matter of railway building, and in high class immigration, the latter being as good a guarantee that progress will continue as could be desired. The foreign trade, too, has increased. The profit of the past year's business was \$1,836,167, of which \$1,440,000 was distributed in dividends, leaving \$396,000 to be carried forward to the credit of profit and loss. Such a result was satisfactory in a year that for a part of the time showed only moderate trade activity and correspondingly low demand for money. The extent of the bank's business ranks it among the greatest of the financial institutions. The assets of \$220,000,000 represent an enormous accumulation of wealth. Its deposits of almost \$180,000,000 and discounts and advances to the public of some \$168,000,000 show the confidence put in it as an institution.

Mr. Barnard, who is supposed to represent Victoria in the Dominion Parliament as a result of the falsification of the views of his leader, arrived in Ottawa a few days ago and immediately became an interrogation point. He wanted to know if the British Columbia judges had been appointed and when, and put a question on the order paper to that effect. It was, of course, a playful piece of sarcasm, as Mr. Barnard supposed the appointments had not been made. When Mr. Burrill told him the judges had been appointed a week before Mr. Barnard looked a little sheepish. But he quietly dropped his inquiry from the order paper and did not ask the question. This recalls the claim he made last session. Mistaking a vote in the estimates for improvements at Victoria Harbor, Ont., to apply to Victoria, B. C., Mr. Barnard reminded the Board of Trade that through his efforts the appropriation in question had been secured for this city. Our representative is, undoubtedly, making a reputation.

A correspondent complains of the condition of the crossings on Douglas street. If all the street intersections were in as good condition as the crossings complained of, many a pedestrian would think he had good reasons for thankfulness.

PAYS TRIBUTE TO HON. W. S. FIELDING

London Paper Says State of Finances Reflects Credit on Minister.

London, Dec. 16.—The Financier, commenting on the Canadian budget, says the manner in which the public debt of Canada has been kept down in spite of the growing prosperity of the Dominion, reflects the highest possible credit on Hon. W. S. Fielding.

The Pall Mall Gazette says the outstanding features of the Canadian budget cannot fail to be a source of satisfaction to all imperialists.

MOVING ANIMALS.

Part of French's Zoo Being Removed Temporarily to San Francisco.

French's zoo is being seriously depleted to-day, the owner having removed over twenty of the animals. He is sending them to San Francisco to be exhibited during the winter at the Chutes. There are several lions, a zebra, a wolf, Chinese sheep, jaguar, leopard, bear and many other species. Mr. French is going with the animals to take care of them. He will have a large number left at his place on the Spanish road.

The Umatilla is leaving this evening about 6.

DAIRYMAN AND POUND KEEPER

CITY SUED FOR LOSS OF THREE ANIMALS

James Donegan Wants \$1,000
Damages—Jury Hearing
His Claim.

The loss of James Donegan's three milch cows is no joke to him, but it created no end of fun in the county court to-day, where Mr. Donegan is suing the city for \$1,000 damages. The way in which the plaintiff told his story and the Irish wit and shrewdness which showed very little while were inimitable.

Three cows strayed from Macaulay Point last September and browsed contentedly on the boulevard on Langford street till they were impounded. A bill of \$15 for damages was presented in addition to the pound fees, and Mr. Donegan could not make up his mind to pay this for a couple of days. On taking his cows home and feeding them two died, and the other was rendered useless, and he blames their treatment in pound for this. The city claims that injudicious feeding by the owner was the trouble.

The following jury is hearing the case: C. N. Gowen (foreman), David Miller, L. Hayford, Wm. Blair and G. H. Lemm.

J. A. Alkman is appearing for Mr. Donegan and City Solicitor Mann for the city.

Wm. McFadden valued milch cows at \$150 a head. Two thoroughbred Jerseys and a Jersey-Durham cross, with young calves, and giving some fourteen gallons a day, were worth this.

James Donegan, the plaintiff, told the jury that he had been twenty-two years a milkman in Victoria. His ranch is at Macaulay Point, where he keeps about thirty cows. On September 23rd last he found three cows missing, which he had got at a bargain for \$150, the three valued at \$200 apiece in the dairy business. He found them in the pound and was told the poundkeeper had gone down to assess the damage with Mr. England. Going to meet them, Mr. England said: "We've got you now."

"I want to see what damage was done myself," continued Mr. Donegan. In a rich Irishman's brogue, "And there they are as perfect as ever, even now with all the cows that have been over the boulevards. Your Honor can send a policeman down to see them. There was other marks of cows besides mine, old marks, and hoof-prints of a horse or horses, that wasn't done by my cows at all at all."

Plaintiff said he was badly off for milk and very anxious to get his cows out. He offered the usual fees, \$6, but it was refused unless he paid \$15 more, which Mr. England assessed as the damage. He went to see the mayor, who said: "Of course, you must have your cows." Returning to the pound with this word he was still refused his cows, and Mr. England was given as the authority. He got the poundkeeper down to the mayor and the mayor said it would not do to refuse the fees. Poundkeeper Craig said to the mayor: "England told me not to let them out for you, either." It was two days before he got the cows, paying \$22.50 in order to get them. One of the cows he could not recognize as his own, and all were hardly able to stand. He took them home and fed them the usual feed of roots, following which two of them died and the other was rendered useless for dairy purposes.

He had been charged \$1.50 for food alleged to have been given the cows at the pound. Cows could be fed with luxuries, and lots of them, for thirty cents a day. They had been starved to death in the pound; he did not think they got two-bits' worth of food while they were there. The post-mortem showed the animals' stomachs were empty. His loss he put at \$1,000.

Cross-examined by the city solicitor plaintiff denied that he had discharged his Chinaman because the man talked to city employees or blamed him for the loss of the cows. He said he grazed his cows on Macaulay common, which was unfenced, and he admitted that they had strayed before into the city.

Mr. Mann asked if it would pay on the whole for plaintiff to feed his animals on the city boulevards with an occasional fine.

Mr. Donegan denied that his cows grazed on the boulevards or that he had any desire to have them do so.

"Is there a horse of yours in the pound now?" asked the city solicitor.

"I didn't see him," replied plaintiff.

"Is the poundkeeper a friend of yours?"

"He is no friend of mine," said the witness emphatically.

"Is there a poundkeeper in Esquimalt?"

"No; we don't want him there."

Plaintiff pictured his cows in a cold, bleak, wet pound, unfed and uncared for, and all the time he needed them badly in his business.

Dr. Herbert A. Brown, V.S., told of attending Donegan's cows and described their condition.

Dr. Robert Hamilton, V.S., made a post-mortem on one of the cows which died. The cause of death was acute indigestion, due to injudicious feeding, the inciting cause of which was their hunger.

To Mr. Mann he said it was an error of judgment on Donegan's part to have fed the cows as much as he did. It was a very large feed of mangels. In the stomach was a weight of some 75 pounds of food. Mangels was the very worst food that could be given a hungry cow.

Dr. C. R. Richards, V.S., did not think the feed of mangels was too much if the cows had been properly fed and watered while in the pound. The defence is being heard this afternoon.

The Atlantic liner Ivernia arrived at Boston to-day from Liverpool with 700 passengers.



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Passenger traffic will again be resumed to-morrow on the E. & N. railway after a stop which began last Sunday evening, owing to washouts at Cowichan and near the Silica brick works. The trains will leave here at 10:30. The break at Cowichan has been repaired and sufficient progress has been made with the work of filling in at Silica to allow of the train service being resumed.

For a few days passengers will have to transfer between trains at Silica, and only one train each way per day will be run. This will be but a temporary arrangement, as the line will within a very brief period be in the best of shape for through traffic of all kinds. Freight will for a few days longer continue to be carried by the steamers running on the east coast route.

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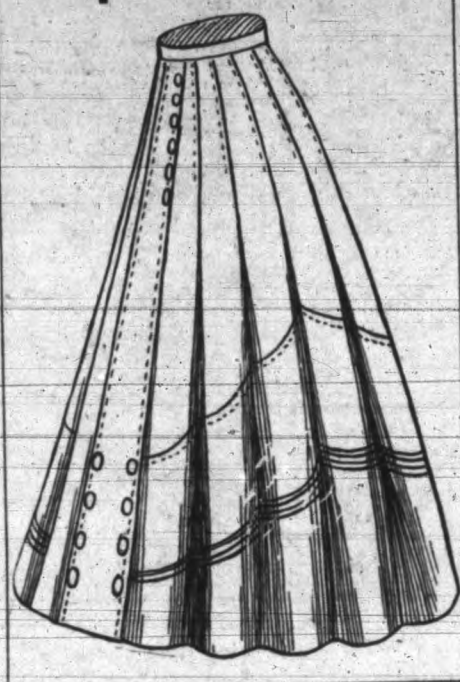
An "endowment policy" in The Mutual Life of Canada is a good investment. But suppose a man at age 25 pays a premium of \$35 for 10 years only; in addition to the 10 years' insurance he has had for \$1,000 the company (without further payment from him) will keep him insured for a further period of 15 years for the full face of the policy and then pay him (guaranteed) \$566 in cash. A policy in The Mutual Life of Canada will give you the best value for your money.

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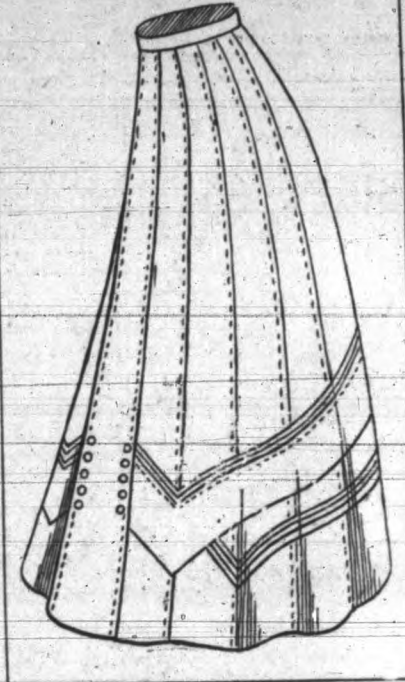
Regular Values \$6.75 to \$9.50.
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\$2.50



Regular Values \$10 to \$20
Friday for

\$5.00



Altogether, about 300 fine Skirts go on sale Friday, and without doubt are an offering which every woman should take advantage of—in fact we can hardly remember placing such values at your disposal. Every garment is well finished and tailored, while the materials and quality will prove a surprise to you. They are the best to be had.

Women's Skirts, \$2.50

Regular \$8.00. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in navy, black, green and brown French Panamas, plain circular cut, finished with rows of stitched silk around bottom in fancy design. Regular \$8.00. Friday ... **\$2.50**

Women's Skirts, \$2.50

Regular \$7.50. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in plain French Venetian, pleated from knee in clusters of deep pleats and finished with stitching. Regular \$7.50. Friday ... **\$2.50**

Women's Skirts, \$2.50

Regular \$8.50. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in tweeds, light and dark, pleated from yoke or plain circular cut, finished with stitched straps of self. Regular \$8.50. Sale ... **\$2.50**

Women's Skirts, \$5.00

Regular \$20. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in very fine French voile, in black only, circular cut effect, with very full ripple, trimmed from bottom of skirt to hip with bands of silk in circular effect. Regular \$20. Friday **\$5**

Women's Skirts, \$5.00

Regular \$18. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in all-wool French voiles and Panamas, pleated in clusters of deep pleats at the front, side and back, with straps of silk on each pleat, making a very handsome skirt. Regular \$18. Friday ... **\$5.00**

Women's Skirts, \$5.00

Regular \$12.50. Friday ...
WOMEN'S SKIRTS, in light tweed effect, pleated from deep yoke in clusters, stitched with silk and finished with straps. Regular \$12.50. Friday ... **\$5.00**

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PERSONAL.

Mayor Hall and Ald. Anton Henderson left last night for Vancouver to attend the sessions of the Union of British Columbia Municipalities, which opened in that city to-day.

Maxwell Smith, editor of the Fruit-grower, was in the city last night. The new magazine is making splendid progress, he says.

LONDON JOURNALIST DEAD.

London, Dec. 16.—Frederick Greenwood, the author and journalist, died to-day. Mr. Greenwood founded the Pall Mall Gazette, of which he was the first editor. With others he established the St. James Gazette, which he edited for several years.

PENSION SYSTEM.

New York, Dec. 16.—One of the first of the large surface transit lines in the United States to follow the example of several of the railroads and large industrial corporations and adopt a pension system is the Brooklyn Rapid Transit Company, which has announced the adoption of such a system for its veteran employees. The road employs 12,000 men, and a large number are said to be in line for participation in the benefits of the plan.

LINER ASHORE.

San Francisco, Dec. 15.—The steamer Homer, bound for Mexican ports, is ashore off San Blas. The passengers and crew landed safely.

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—Something New.—Whole wheat bread with a soft crust, at the Central Bakery, City, 604 Yates street.

—Round Oak Hot Air Furnaces have taken the grand prize at A. Y. P. Exposition. Look them up at Watson & McGregor's, 647 Johnson street.

—Our photos are true portraits, bringing out all that's best in character and individuality. Make your appointments now. Xmas will soon be here. Foxall's studio, 1111 Government St.

—Cleaned Currants, 2 lbs. for 25c Mixed Peel, 15c per lb. Seeded Raisins, 10c per packet, or 11 for \$1.00. Sultana Raisins, 10c per lb. E. B. Jones, corner Cook and North Park streets, phone 712.

—Children's sets, 2 chairs and table, \$3.50. The Capital Furniture Co.

—SHOOTING MATCH.—At Oak Dell Hotel, Colwood, December 19th.

—We trade in trays. They make suitable Xmas presents. Heavily japanned oval trays, 12 in. to 24 in., 25c to \$2.25. Rectangular trays, extra good value, at 75c to \$1.75. R. A. Brown & Co., 1302 Douglas St.

—Real estate continues to be very active. If you want to dispose of your property list it with Gillespie & Hart, 1115 Langley street, and you won't have to wait long for a buyer.

—Rockers for the little ones from \$1. at The Capital Furniture Co.

—D. H. Bale has been awarded the contract for a residence for Mr. W. W. Joseph, to be erected on Adelaide road.

—HANDKERCHIEF SPECIAL.—Face trimmed and Irish embroidered handkerchiefs, making dainty gifts. Prices, 50c, 75c, 1.00, 1.25, 1.50, 2.00. Robinson's Cash Store, 642 Yates Street.

—St. George's School for Girls will close for Christmas holidays on Tuesday. The pupils of Miss Penwill in kindergarten will have a visit from Santa Claus in the morning and the senior pupils will offer to parents two short plays, "She Stoops to Conquer," and "The Mill on the Floss," interspersed with Christmas carols at night.

—A musical and literary entertainment will be given in the Salvation Army Citadel, Broad street, to-night by the young people of the local corps, under the leadership of their guardian, Mrs. Sergeant-Major Law. The selections given will be chosen from periodicals published by the army, and will be interesting to old and young alike. Refreshments will be served during the evening.

A GOLD WATCH FREE!

Our Bicycle sale has been a success and we are satisfied, but there are a few wheels left, and a gold watch will be given free with each.

We have 2 snaps in new drop-head sewing machines for Xmas.

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Guitars and Mandolins, \$20, \$15, \$10, \$7.50 and\$5.00

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—Hon. Thomas Taylor has returned to the city from Revelstoke. He will take up his residence here.

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—Aldet Daniels, a woman who has been before the police court several times and served two sentences for vagrancy, was this morning sent to jail for a month on a similar charge. She pleaded guilty.

—To-morrow night at 8 o'clock a meeting of the executive committee of the Victoria Poultry and Pet Stock Association will be held in the Sir William Wallace hall. All members are requested to be present as business in connection with the coming fair will be discussed.

—All members of Court Columbia, No. 834, Canadian Order of Foresters, are requested to attend a meeting to be held this evening at 8 o'clock in the Sir William Wallace hall. The business before the meeting will include the election of officers for the ensuing year.

—Don't miss the inaugural ball, given at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, Christmas eve, December 24th. Tickets, \$1.50 a couple, including supper, good music and a splendid enjoyable evening insured. Tickets can be secured at Waxstock's hall, Broad street, or Elliot, 1316 Douglas. Undesirable characters not admitted.

—A very pretty wedding took place at the residence of the Rev. F. A. Tapscott, 1205 Fernwood road, on Monday, when Mr. Donald Alexander MacNeill, a prominent business man of Vancouver, and Miss Nina Dunlop MacMillan, of Victoria, were united in marriage. The young couple left the same evening for Vancouver and an extended visit to the Sound cities and Portland, Ore. They will return shortly after the new year to Vancouver where they will make their future home. The bride is well known in Victoria, having been with D. Spencer, Ltd. a number of years, where she will be greatly missed by her many friends and associates.



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GENEVA ASSOCIATION HOLDS SECOND DANCE

Annual Ball at Broad Street Hall a Success Last Night.

With about two hundred present in the gaily decorated Broad street hall, the International Geneva Association held its annual ball last night, when dancing to the strains of Miss Thain's orchestra was kept up until 3 a. m. this morning. The floor was in fine condition and the dance was the second of the association which was formed a little over a year ago. Several valuable prizes were drawn for last night on the tombola plan and a most enjoyable time all round was spent.

The International Geneva Association is a fraternal organization, the membership of which is composed of hotel employees who have served a three years apprenticeship. The Victoria section has the honor of being the most northern of a chain which encircles the globe. It was established in Geneva in 1877, and in the thirty-two years of its existence has seen branches established in every quarter of the globe. London, Paris, Berlin, Khartoum, Cape Town, Calcutta, Sidney, Buenos Ayres, New York, Montreal, and Victoria are but a few of the sections of this world-wide circle. The main feature of the association is one of mutual help. Members in sickness or distress are assisted, while those involved in litigation are aided from the funds of the association. The association publishes an international journal in Dresden.

The officers of the local section are as follows: President, M. Rosshert; secretary, A. Wiermel; treasurer, A. Schreiner. These, with the following, constituted the ball committee, Messrs. Ross, Heeg, Griffiths and Strassburg.

HOCKEY CLUB CONCERT WAS WELL PATRONIZED

Financial Results of Event Up to Committee's Expectations.

A successful concert, both from the musical and financial sides, was given last night at the Institute hall by the Victoria Hockey Club, and was well attended. The programme published was faithfully adhered to and many encores were demanded.

Mrs. H. C. Briggs pleased with the "Ave Maria," with violin obligato by Mr. Benedict Bantly, and rendered an encore. Miss Emma Self sang "The Rose, the River and the Sea," and rendered an encore. The other items on the programme were according to the programme which has been previously published, and the concert was much enjoyed by those who were present. The financial results of the concert were all the club hoped for as the sale of tickets had been very good indeed.

CONTINUE BAZAAR.

Ladies' Aid of First Congregational Church Holding Sale of Work Again To-Day.

As a result of the success attained by the Ladies' Aid of the First Congregational church at their annual bazaar given yesterday afternoon and evening, and also owing to the fact that a misunderstanding about the date of the affair was made by many who wished to attend, it was decided at the close of the bazaar to continue it to-day.

From the opening of this delightful affair until the close of it, the schoolroom in which it was held was crowded with members of the church and their friends who were looking for bargains in the fancy work line. Between the hours of 4 o'clock and 5 o'clock afternoon tea was served, and a full supper at 8.30 o'clock. Later in the evening a musical programme was given which was much enjoyed by those present.

The same programme is to be followed out this afternoon and evening and undoubtedly it will prove just as attractive.

LAI D AT REST.

Remains of Late Mrs. Kate Wallace Interred in Ross Bay Cemetery Yesterday.

The funeral of the late Mrs. Kate Wallace took place yesterday afternoon at 2 o'clock from the family residence, 1115 Fort street, and at 2.30 o'clock at Christ Church cathedral, where the Rt. Rev. Bishop Perrin conducted an appropriate service. He made many touching inferences to the lovely character of the deceased, and also gave words of comfort to the bereaved relatives and friends.

The attendance of sympathizing friends was very large, which testified to the esteem in which the late Mrs. Wallace was held. The floral offerings were also numerous.

The following acted as pall-bearers: B. T. Drake, A. W. Bridgman, Major Dupont, Justice Irving, Capt. Combe, H. E. Newton, Edgar Browne and T. P. Whitmore.

A private branch post office has been established at the parliament buildings, where incoming and outgoing mail will be sorted. In view of the very heavy mail, from 15,000 to 20,000 letters a month, this will be a great benefit.

Building permits are issued to the B. C. Land & Investment Company for alterations to premises at Broughton and Government streets, to cost \$4,000, and to George Patterson for a warehouse on Fisgard street, to cost \$700.

At a meeting of the Young People's Society of the First Congregational church last night a lecture was given on the works and life of Mendelssohn by Ed. Parsons. The address proved very instructive and interesting, and was enjoyed by the large number of persons present. During the evening a number of piano and vocal solos from Mendelssohn's works were given by Mrs. E. Carson, Mrs. Parsons and Miss Beck.

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WEATHER BULLETIN.
Daily Report Furnished by the Victoria Meteorological Department.

Victoria, Dec. 16.—5 a. m.—The high pressure area still covers this western part of the continent, its centre now overlying the Rockies. Fair weather, with normal temperatures, prevails over the North Pacific slope. A fresh easterly gale is reported at the entrance to the Straits. In the prairie provinces Chinook winds have raised the temperature in Alberta, but in Saskatchewan and Manitoba temperatures are low and snow has fallen at several points. Further East a storm area is central over the region of the Lakes.

Forecasts.
For 24 hours ending 5 p. m. Friday.
Victoria and vicinity—Light to moderate northerly and easterly winds, generally fair, with light frost at night.
Lower Mainland—Light to moderate winds, generally fair, with light frost at night.

Reports.
Victoria—Barometer, 29.53; temperature, 37; minimum, 27; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, cloudy.
New Westminster—Barometer, 29.53; temperature, 32; minimum, 22; wind, calm; weather, fog.
Nanaimo—Wind, 4 miles N.; weather, fair.
Kamloops—Barometer, 29.74; temperature, 38; minimum, 24; wind, 3 miles S.; weather, cloudy.
Barkerville—Barometer, 29.83; temperature, 16; minimum, 16; wind, calm; snow, 02; weather, clear.
San Francisco—Barometer, 29.19; temperature, 48; minimum, 46; wind, 4 miles N.; weather, clear.
Edmonton—Barometer, 29.09; temperature, 39; minimum, 29; wind, 8 miles W.; weather, clear.
Winnipeg—Barometer, 29.86; temperature, 2; minimum, 2; wind, 20 miles N.; snow, 34; weather, cloudy.

M. Philippe Leon, a confectioner in the Rue Thane, has complained to the Paris police that every morning for the past six days he has found a silver watch, which has been placed at a certain spot on the pavement during the night.

What Were Grocery Prices Two Years Ago?

What was the price of your peel, currants, raisins, sultanas, almonds, shelled walnuts, crystalized fruits, etc? In fact what was the price of the whole range of groceries then? Do you ever give it a thought that you are saving money on everything you buy in the grocery line now because of competition, made by the fact of

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1-lb. box	65c	SHELLED WALNUTS, per pound	40c	C. & B. NEW MIXED PEEL, per pound	15c	C. & B. CRYSTALLIZED GINGER, ¼-lb. box	20c
C. & B. CRYSTALLIZED CHERRIES, finest quality—		JAP ORANGES, per box	75c	C. & B. ANGELICA, per pound	60c	One-pound box	35c
Per pound	60c	NICE JUICY LEMONS, per dozen	30c	CHIVER'S ORANGE MARMALADE, 1-lb. glass jar	15c	PRESERVED GINGER, in syrup, per quart jar	50c
CADBURY'S FRY'S OR ROBERTSON'S CHOCOLATES, in fancy boxes, per box, 10c to	75c	ROBERTSON'S MIXED CREAM CANDY, 2 lbs.	25c	4-lb. tin	50c	NEW SMYRNA TABLE FIGS, per lb, 15c, 20c	25c
ROBERTSON'S AFTER DINNER PEPPERMINTS—		ROBERTSON'S MIXED CHOCOLATES, per lb	25c	CHIVER'S ENGLISH JAM, 1-lb. glass jars, 2 for	35c	CALGARY RISING SUN BREAD FLOUR—	
Per pound	25c	NEW CALIFORNIA TABLE RAISINS, per lb.	75c	4-lb. tin	60c	Per sack	\$1.75
CHRISTMAS CRACKERS, per box, \$1.25 to	\$2.00	Or 5-lb. box	75c	PURE NEW ZEALAND JAM, 4-lb. tin	50c	HUNTLEY & PALMER'S OR CHRISTIE'S BISCUITS—	
CHRISTMAS STOCKINGS, each, 5c to	20c	CHOICE MALAGA TABLE RAISINS, per lb.	25c	FINE ISLAND POTATOES, 100-lb. sack	90c	all kinds	
C. & B. CHRISTMAS PLUM PUDDINGS, in bowls—		WETHEY'S PREPARED MINCEMEAT, per pkt	10c	CAFE DE EPIQUE, genuine French Coffee—		HUNTLEY & PALMER'S small mixed biscuits, lb.	15c
Each, \$1.00, 65c and	35c	HOME-MADE MINCEMEAT, per pound	15c	1-lb. glass jar	50c	FRESH GINGERSNAPS, 3 pounds for	25c
HUNTLEY & PALMER'S ICED FRUIT CAKES—		Your money refunded if you are not satisfied with any thing you purchase from us.		ANTI-COMBINE TEA, in lead packets, per lb.	\$1.00	ONTARIO FRESH TESTED EGGS, per dozen	35c
Each, 40c and	75c	COLORED SCROLL CANDLES, per box	10c	3 pounds for	1.00	PURE LARD, 1-lb. package	20c
CHRISTIE'S FRUIT CAKES, 2-lb. tin	65c	GROUND ALMONDS, OR ALMOND PASTE, lb.	60c	We do not have specials or bait—but give you a square deal on everything		Three-pound tin	60c
CHRISTIE'S FANCY MIXED BISCUITS, 2-lb. tin	60c	HUYON'S ENGLISH REFINED SUET, per tin	30c	TETLEY'S LOOSE TEA, 4 pounds for	\$1.00	GENUINE INDIAN CHUTNEY, quart bottle	50c
Compare these prices with those being charged elsewhere and be convinced that we give you the best value in the city for your money.		ESSENCES, all flavors, per bottle, 20c, 35c and	50c	CHOICE OKANAGAN APPLES, Northern Spys, Wagner or Baldwin, per box	\$2.50	GILLARD'S OR C. & B. PICKLES, all kinds—	35c
CHRISTMAS TREE CANDLES, per box of 36	15c	DEMARARA OR RAW SUGAR, 3½ pounds for	25c	NEW NAVELE ORANGES, per dozen, 25c, 30c	35c	Per bottle	\$1.00
NEW MIXED NUTS, per pound	20c	NEW, CLEANED CURRANTS, 3 pounds for	25c			Or 3 bottles for	1.00
NEW CHESTNUTS, per pound	20c	NEW SEEDED RAISINS, 16-oz. pkt.	\$1.00			We have not space to advertise all our goods, but sell everything at the lowest price possible.	
		11 packets for	\$1.00			C. & B. SOUPS, all kinds, per tin	30c

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Y. M. C. A. BASKETBALL TEAM IN SHAPE

Local Players Are Ready to Meet Seattle To-night.

When the local Y. M. C. A. basketball team meets the Seattle quintette to-night, it will be well worth paying the price of admission to see. The match will be played in the skating rink and will undoubtedly attract a large crowd. Members of the local team had a final workout last night and showed that they have a fine combination, which will keep their opponents from over the way, guessing. The pace which the former have attained is also a feature of their play. They will turn out to-night with the object of revenging the beating they got at the hands of the Seattle aggregation a short time back.

The officers of the Sound Y. M. C. A. will have the strongest line-up the association has on the team at the time of the whistle. They will try hard to annex the game, as it will be considered an honor to take the winners of the red and white colors into camp twice in one season.

Those who are to represent the local team are as follows: Guards, Roskcamp and Baker; centre, J. Petticrew; forwards, B. White and R. McKittrick; reserve, Taylor.

NANAIMO ELEVEN TO PLAY A. O. F. SELECTED

Foresters Will Oppose Coal City With a Strong Line-up.

The Nanaimo Association football team is coming here Saturday to play the A. O. F. in the first match of the Island League series, and will bring down the following team:

Goal—Shepherd. Backs—Killeen and Rutherford. Half backs—Murray, White and R. Mossey.

Forwards—W. E. Mitchell, W. Mossey (capt.), Leigh, Brown and Sutherland.

Trainer Colclough is in charge of the team, and Wardell comes as referee.

The A. O. F. eleven will probably be finally selected to-night, and it is understood will be a strong line-up.

The match will be at the Canteen ground, Esquimalt.

THE TURF.
LIMITING MEETINGS.

Ottawa, Dec. 16.—Mr. Wallace introduced a bill in the Commons yesterday limiting the time of horse race meetings to fifteen days. It was given first reading.

VICTORIA WEST WINS BASKETBALL MATCH

Y.M.C.A. Intermediates Defeated in Hard Game Last Night.

The Victoria West Intermediate basketball team secured a victory over the Y.M.C.A. five after a hard game, which was played in the former's hall last night. From the start both teams were evenly matched and the game was keenly contested.

In the junior game played between the Y.M.C.A. and V.W.A.A. teams before the above game was started, the former were successful in winning by a score of 20 points to 12. The game was rather one-sided, the town boys showing their superiority over the Wests. The shooting of the former team was good and their combination excellent.

VANCOUVER NOT IN LINE WITH UNION

Officials Exceeding Their Authority, Says Soccer Man.

The following is the opinion of the Vancouver press on the B. C. A. A. U. deadlock, and shows how the actions of the union are regarded by the soccer players at Vancouver:

"Even if we decline to affiliate with the B. C. A. A. U. it does not necessarily mean that we are professionalists," declared an official of the Vancouver District Football League yesterday, "and the union officials are exceeding their authority when they talk of suspending soccer players if they refuse to affiliate. We are amateurs on the mainland and are quite capable of running our own affairs."

When we play professional football it will then be time for the B. C. A. A. U. to act, but until that time arrives the union had better leave well enough alone."

The above statement by a well-known local football official just about expresses the opinion of every soccer player on the mainland. They do not fear the B. C. A. A. U. and until they do engage in professional football, the Amateur Union has no more authority to suspend them from amateur circles or professional ones than the C. A. A. U. had a couple of years ago when they suspended the lacrosse players of the province. This action was regarded as a joke by the lacrosse men, and in less than six months the union came to its senses and officially reinstated the men, although all through the winter the lacrosse men who take part in the Rugby were playing with the local team. The B. C. A. A. U. may be a strong organization, but the fact that

only two cities were represented at the meeting in Victoria on Saturday shows that very little interest is taken in the work of the union by other cities supposed to be affiliated with the governing body.

It is all very well to boast for amateur sport, and the writer is heart and soul with the amateur movement, but for an organization like the A. A. U. of C. which is regarded as an amateur organization through and through, to extend any special privileges to amateurs in the least, permitting them to play with professionals, is not consistent with the aims and objects of the union. No special privileges should have been extended to any organization, but when the amateur (?) body goes out of its way to grant concessions to one organization, more for the purpose of enlisting the support of this organization, which, failing to get this concession, would have gone "down," it is time to call a halt. Call it amateurism if you will, but it's hardly consistent with the rules of an amateur body.

DOCTORS CONDEMN OILY LINIMENTS

The Public Are Warned to Be Careful of These Strong-smelling Oily Liniments Containing Harmful Acids, Ammonia, Etc.

Many people have clung to the old-fashioned idea that a thick, greasy ointment is the best kind. Doctors say not—and they know.

Recently a number of these white, oily liniments were analyzed, and they were found to contain an enormous high percentage of harmful acids, and such irritating chemicals as ammonia, etc. For the moment they may cause a warm sensation when first applied, but their continued use never cures rheumatism, and only deteriorates the skin, sets up inflammation and causes endless trouble.

When a doctor warns you to quit using a white, oily liniment—do so. He knows that a thick liniment can't penetrate; can't sink through the pores and reach the seat of the pain.

When asked his opinion a few days ago, Dr. Roberts stated that he considered a strong, penetrating, "ballooning" liniment, such as "Nerviline," to be superior to any of the white ammonia liniments. In his twenty-five years of practice he had witnessed cases of rheumatism, sciatica and lumbago that simply would not respond to ordinary treatment—scarcely an ache or a pain, internal or external, that Nerviline won't cure. In thousands of homes no other pain-releving medicine is used. Fifty years' continued success and the endorsement of the profession are proof that Nerviline is the liniment for the home.

Any good druggist or dealer can supply the large 25c. bottles of Nerviline.

BEARS GO TO DEFEAT BEFORE THE TIGERS

Victoria Second in Telegraphic Bowling League Score.

At the local bowling alleys in the last game played, the Tigers beat the Bears by four pins for the Fitzpatrick and O'Connell cup, with the following scores:

Bears—	1st.	2nd.	3rd.	Ttl.
H. Jameson	147	155	172	474
C. Brooks	168	147	180	495
L. Eberts	128	165	153	446
H. Petticrew	201	133	117	451
G. McInroy	157	170	140	467
Total	702	776	762	2240

Tigers—
T. Renfrew 128 | 182 | 178 | 488 || H. Brewster | 175 | 129 | 164 | 468 |
P. Turner	166	151	210	527
J. Renfrew	132	135	128	395
D. Breckenridge	130	104	152	386
Total	731	711	632	2074

In the telegraphic league match Vancouver was first, Victoria second and Westminster third. Vancouver's score, 2,224, is the highest rolled in the league this season.

NORTH WARD WINS FROM BAY TEAMS

Both Intermediate and Junior Basketball Fives Are Successful.

North Ward Intermediate and Junior teams succeeded last night in defeating the J. B. A. A. Intermediates and Juniors. The intermediate game was won by 54 to 4 and the junior game by 22 to 11.

In the intermediate match the teams and scores were as follows:
North Ward—Guards, Sweeney and Hillier; centre, Torg; forwards, McGregor and Taylor. Every man took a hand in the point-getting, Sweeney making 4, Hillier 2, Torg 2, McGregor 16 and Taylor 16.

The Boys were represented by Scott and Roberts; guards, Turner, centre, Hall and Thomas; forwards. Of the four points made by the five, Turner totalled 2 and Thomas the same number.

Mrs. Jeannette Stewart Ford pleaded not guilty at Cincinnati to the indictment charging her with attempting to blackmail C. L. Warriner, former local treasurer of the Big Four railway, who it is alleged stole \$24,000 from the railroad. Her trial was set for December 27th. Her bond was fixed at \$2,500 on this indictment, and she was released on her own recognizance on another indictment, that of receiving stolen money, under which she had been out on \$2,500 bail.

GOLF FIXTURES ON OAK BAY LINKS

Competitions to Be Conducted Under the Victoria Club.

The mixed foursome competition which was postponed last Saturday will take place on Saturday next.

On Christmas Day there will be men's foursomes, eclectic, 36 holes, partners and opponents to be drawn for, entrance fee \$1 each player, open to any amateur; entries to be made in club

house or with secretary not later than Thursday 23rd at 6 p.m.

On the 27th December there will be mixed foursomes, under the following conditions: Choose partners and opponents, eclectic, 36 holes. Entrance fee for each player, prize to ladies. The matches are for members only, and post entries will be received.

MUST GO TO JAIL

Harford, Conn., Dec. 16.—Montague Roberts, the well-known automobilist, was found guilty yesterday of a violation of the automobile law, and was sentenced to jail for thirty days and fined \$150. The court refused to set the verdict aside. The trial grew out of an accident in Southington on September 17th, in which F. L. Mierter, of New Britain, was badly injured.

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ALL THE NEWS—THE TIMES

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13 OVERCOATS, 50 in. long, made with the new Ardlock collar, to be worn either way, in the new Herringbone cloth. Price \$22.50
10 OVERCOATS, 44 in. long, in a mixed grey effect. Very new. Price \$18
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT A DIVIDEND AT THE RATE OF

Per annum has been declared on the fully-paid permanent stock of the Company for the half-year ending Dec. 31st, 1909, and the same will be payable at the Head Office of the Company, Bank of British North America Building, 436 Main Street, Winnipeg, on and after Jan. 2nd, 1910. The transfer books will be closed from the 15th to 31st of December, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, W. T. ALEXANDER, General Manager.

For the convenience of Victoria stockholders the above dividend will be payable at the company's branch office, 1204 Government Street, on and after Jan. 4th, 1910.

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GENTS' SILK SOCKS 90¢
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The most beautiful stock of Table Covers, Silk Shawls and Silk Kimonos ever shown in the Dominion can be seen here. This is no exaggeration, but a fact.
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IN THE MATTER OF THE "NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT" (BEING CHAPTER 115 OF THE REVISED STATUTES OF CANADA, 1906).

Take notice that John Raymond, of the City of Victoria, in the Province of British Columbia, in pursuance of Section 7 of the above Act, has deposited the plans of a wharf and a description of the proposed site thereof to be constructed upon part of and in front of lots 542A and 542B, Victoria City, in the Province aforesaid, with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, in the Province of Ontario, and a duplicate of each in the office of the Registrar-General of Titles at Victoria, British Columbia, being the Registrar of deeds for the district in which each work is to be constructed.

And take notice that at the expiration of one month from the date hereof application will be made to the Governor in Council for the approval thereof.

Dated at Victoria, British Columbia, this day of December, 1909.
YATES & JAY,
Solicitors for the Applicant.

The naval committee of the Chile Chamber of deputies has decided to recommend the construction of two battleships of the Dreadnought class, the same to be completed within three years.

IN THE ESTATE OF JOHN WILLIAM LAING, M. A. DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that all persons having any claims against the estate of John William Laing, M. A., late of the Collegiate School, Victoria, B. C., who died on the 23rd October, 1909, and whose will was proved in the Supreme Court of British Columbia on the 28th November, 1909, by the executor, are required to send particulars of their claims, duly verified, to the undersigned, solicitors for the executor, on or before the 10th February, 1910, after which date the executor will proceed to distribute the assets of the deceased among the parties entitled thereto, having regard only to the claims of which she shall then have had notice. Dated this 8th day of December, 1909.
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WILL CONFER WITH OAK BAY

W. H. GARDINER MEETS
COUNCIL TO-MORROW

Ratepayers of Municipality
Will Vote on Uplands
Arrangement.

William Hicks Gardiner, of the firm of Kirby, Oldfield & Gardiner, of Winnipeg, is in the city for the purpose of conferring with the Oak Bay council in regard to their subdivision at Uplands Farm. He will meet the council to-morrow morning.

There is a proposal to be put before the people of Oak Bay, which, if sanctioned, will guarantee the owners of the Uplands Farm that their taxes will not be advanced for ten years on condition that they spend half a million dollars in improving the property by building streets and sidewalks, laying water mains, sewers and surface drains, and laying out parks and boulevards.

There is a difference of opinion between the council and realty company in regard to the ownership of the parks and squares. These the company claim should remain under their control but the municipal council want them made over to them. It is probable that the municipality will yield the point as it is customary in London and many other large centres for the squares and small parks to remain private property.

The work of improving the property must commence within two years from January 1st if the agreement is ratified. The ratepayers will probably be asked to vote on the by-law at the same time that they elect the new council.

IMPROVEMENT IN KING'S CONDITION

Physician Says the Royal Patient is Hopeful of Recovery.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—His physicians consider the condition of King Leopold as improved to-day. A bulletin issued this morning says: "The consequences of the operation are normal. The improvement has become more marked." The king's condition was so good this morning that the fears entertained last night had been nearly dispelled. As a result of the turn for the better the patient will be given a diet of eggs and soup and water. Two of his physicians remain at the palace.

In an interview one of the king's physicians said that the convalescence might begin within five or six days, despite his weakness. He said that Leopold was bearing up well and was still hopeful of recovery. "But," the medical man added significantly, "we must not forget that the king is 75 years old."

A bulletin issued at 1.30 o'clock this afternoon stated that the condition of his Majesty was favorable.

Take's Nourishment.

Brussels, Dec. 16.—(Later.)—Dr. Depage, one of the attending physicians, stated to-day that he entertained a genuine hope of saving the life of King Leopold. The king continues to surprise his physicians. To-day he took nourishment and appeared stronger. The change since yesterday is marked. The somewhat conflicting statements issued officially from the palace have influenced the public to accept the most recent assurances with less confidence.

DEATH ROLL MAY BE INCREASED

Several of Persons Injured in
Railway Wreck Not Likely
to Recover.

Greensboro, N. G., Dec. 16.—With twelve persons dead and the probabilities that this number will be increased during the day, by the death of one or more of the injured and the finding of other bodies in the wreckage, the wreck of the Southern Railway's Atlanta local passenger train, which plunged down an embankment yesterday morning, was to-day found by the coroner's jury to have been caused by a bad rail and cross tie.

The work of removing the mass of wreckage at Reedy Fork creek is being expedited in every way possible in order to ascertain whether any bodies remain in the debris.

Franklin McNeill, chairman of the state corporation committee, reached here to-day and left on a special train for the scene of the disaster to make an investigation.

NEW PRESIDENT OF SWISS CONFEDERATION

Berne, Switzerland, Dec. 16.—Parliament to-day elected Robert Cottens president of the Federation for 1910. M. C. Ruche was chosen vice-president of the federal council in succession to Cottens, who has held this office during the present year. Ruche was president of the Swiss confederation in 1908. The retiring president is Adolphe Deucher.

THE ALSOP CLAIM.

London, Dec. 16.—United States Ambassador Whitelaw Reid and Chilean Minister Domingo Gana to-day formally presented to the foreign office the American-Chilean protocol inviting King Edward to arbitrate the Alsop claim dispute. The protocol will be transmitted to His Majesty, who has expressed already his willingness to act.

REBELS CORNER ZELAYA'S ARMY

ARE BETTER ARMED THAN
GOVERNMENT FORCES

Nicaraguan Deputy Advocates
Armed Resistance to U. S.
Marines.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—Zelaya's forces are cornered by the revolutionists at Rama, according to official advices received here.

The United States naval commander reports from Bluefields that rebels are better armed than Zelaya's forces and are ready for a decisive battle.

Jingo Speech by Deputy.
Managua, Nicaragua, Dec. 16.—Telegraphic communication with Rama was re-established to-day. It is officially announced that the city has not been taken by the government troops. The two armies face each other, but no battle has been fought.

This disposed of the rumor which had been permitted the widest currency for three days to the effect that an engagement had occurred at Rama during which the government troops had defeated the insurgents and captured General Estrada, the head of the rebellion. It is believed that there was an ulterior motive behind this false report.

As a sequel to the recent rioting, when the mayor of Managua sought to restrain the police from making wholesale arrests, the mayor himself was arrested yesterday. Subsequently he was released.

Congress met again last night and the session was the occasion of the pro-Zelayan demonstration that apparently had been made to order. Deputy Manuel Matus delivered a "jingo" speech, urging armed resistance in the event that United States marines were landed at Corinto. The suggestion was received with such demonstrative applause as to arouse a strong suspicion that the government had organized an efficient clique.

Prairie Falls.

Philadelphia, Dec. 16.—The United States transport Prairie, with 700 marines and 500,000 rounds of ammunition on board, to-day made its second start for Colon.

JOHN EDMOND SPEAKS.

London, Dec. 16.—Speaking at the Nationalist convention yesterday John Redmond said that for the first time in a century they had the greatest opportunity ever offered to tear and trample under foot the act of union.

VANCOUVER BRIDGE CLOSED.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Two small boys who noticed a sag in Cambie street bridge to-day warned the police and averted a disaster.

The old structure has often been patched up, but now looks as if closed for good. Any heavy traffic over the bridge would have been precipitated into the water.

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NEW COTTAGE, McBride avenue, very close in, 5 rooms and large reception hall, concrete foundation, tile drained and fenced, \$2,000; initial payment \$50, balance very easy. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

WANTED—A young girl to wash dishes at the Sandringham, 1212 Douglas street. No Sunday work.

BLOCK OF 4 LOTS on Blanchard, close to site of new V. & E. station, \$3,000, on terms. Island Investment Company, Bank of Montreal Chambers.

VIEW STREET SNAP—30 feet on View street, between Quadra and Vancouver, for \$2,000; we can make you \$500 on this. T. P. McConnell, car. Government and Fort streets, upstairs.

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FOR RENT—710 Hill street, 115. Apply Raines, near Maywood P. O.

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Social and Personal

G. Halkett left for Ottawa last night.

Mrs. Gray is visiting friends in Seattle.

Mrs. Heal is visiting friends in Seattle.

J. H. Rebbeck is on a business trip to Vancouver.

Jas. Ramsay sailed for the Terminal city last night.

T. A. Ker is leaving shortly on a trip around the world.

G. A. McNicholl returned to Vancouver last night.

Mrs. E. Voris has left on a visit to several cities in Ohio.

H. B. Thomson was among the passengers from Seattle yesterday.

Mrs. William Grant, of Point Ellis, will not receive to-morrow afternoon.

Capt. R. G. Tatlow went over to Vancouver last night on a business trip.

D. A. Hopper crossed over to Vancouver last night on the Princess Charlotte.

Miss Cordelia Grylls left last night on a three months' visit to Southern California.

Mr. and Mrs. H. M. McKerr-Kastan are on a visit to Portland, Ore., leaving last night.

C. S. Pierce, of Spokane, after spending some time in Victoria, left last night for Seattle.

F. R. Russell, after spending a few days here on business, left last night for the mainland.

G. D. Woodruff and J. Ryan were passengers from Seattle yesterday on the Princess Charlotte.

A. W. Harvey and bride (nee Hickey) left last night via the Northern Pacific on a tour of Southern California.

C. N. Beebe, after spending some time in this city, left last night on the Northern Pacific for Hamilton, Ont.

F. G. Evans of Vancouver, who has been spending several days in this city, left for his home in the Terminal city last night.

Stuart Henderson, of Ashcroft, who has been spending some time in this city, left for his home in the inland town last night.

NEW GRAND THEATRE.

The contortionist act by the Brothers Whitman, of the Grand this week, is causing a small sensation but all who see it class it as marvelous and extremely thrilling. To witness the remarkable bending of the pair of acrobats is worth going to the Grand for, but the act is embellished by its scenic effects which show a jungle scene with the necessary noises to accompany the contortionists as they are seen as an alligator and a frog.

Gertrude Van Dyke presents a novel little singing turn and sings her songs well. In an operatic feature at the last she takes two characters, a male and a female singer, and uses two distinct voices. She is always accorded an encore.

Romish and Miss Childress in "A Strenuous Pupil," are the most humorous pair on the bill. Their singing is delightful and the humorous dialogue inserted in the act calls for roars of laughter. The professor has a rather strenuous pupil who, however, is quite accomplished.

The McLinn Brothers with a horizontal bar act, and Ray Fern are the other two acts, and while not the biggest on the bill, they are both good. Thomas J. Price sings "The Preacher and the Bear," and the moving pictures and the orchestral selections are well worth seeing and hearing. The bill is an all-round good one, and is giving much satisfaction to the audiences.

"A GIRL AT THE HELM."

The offering at the Victoria theatre to-morrow night will be "A Girl at the Helm," the musical comedy classic, music by ROBERT B. SMITH, lyric by Robert B. Smith, authors of "A Knight for a Day," with Billy Crawford and a bevy of sixty helpers, patrons will see one of those masterpieces of musical comedy which have made the La Salle theatre in Chicago so famous as the home of musical fun. Those who have been privileged to look at this production pronounce the organization admirable and are loud in their praises of the singing, dancing, prancing, choruses, the beauty of the costumes and the effects used in the various stage pictures, which are so necessary in perfecting a production of this character.

"A Girl at the Helm" has a sensible plot bound with pleasing, catchy music of the whistling sort of character with genuine fun. The story is clean-cut and attractive, romantic and breezy without being tough.

The production is most pretentious, several new and surprising electrical effects being introduced, one of which is the motor-boast race, a rare novelty. The cast of principals have been carefully selected and include besides Billy Clifford, Marquette De Von, Hilda Mason, Mable Palmer, Harry Dickson, Jack Trainor, Arthur Wanser, Harry Doner and Walter Schulte.

WOMAN'S FRANCHISE.

With the brightness of the morning, When the flower buds are forming, When the Frost King rules by right, Man always sees the woman, Man broods with darkening mind, He sees the shadow in the woman, He's afraid of womanhood.

With the flowing of the flood tide, With the ebb tide going by, When the ocean calm is world wide, When the waves are rolling high: Woman has a new plan, Woman thinks with broadening mind, She sees the coming of the new man, She never is unkind.

With the coming of the springtime, With springtime woman's right, When right and woman's song time Have risen from the night, Woman casts her ballot, Man views with anxious mind, She sees the coming of a new time, She has hopes for all mankind.

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Prince Rupert, Dec. 15.—Among the passengers on the Princess May, bound south, were Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Ruffner. Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner had a most trying time in leaving the interior before winter closed in, and for a woman, the long march along the shores of Atlin Lake was an ordeal indeed. Mr. Ruffner had decided to stay in Atlin just as long as the season would permit, and he followed this out to the letter.

When the start for Carcross, or Cariboo Crossing, was made, there was no time to lose. Accompanied by some of the plant workmen, Mr. and Mrs. Ruffner followed the lake shore for many weary days and nights, and when Carcross, on the White Pass Railway was reached, Mrs. Ruffner had covered nearly 80 miles of wilderness, and much of the tramp had been made through rough weather. From Carcross they took the train for Skagway, and there boarded the Princess May for Vancouver, from where they may go to Cincinnati (Ohio) to spend the winter.

"THE MAN OF THE HOUR."

It is impossible to analyze the elements of success in George Broadhurst's great play, "The Man of the Hour," which comes to Victoria theatre on Monday next, and it is difficult to describe the pleasure it affords. The principal element of success is the heartiness with which it is presented by the excellent company. Laughter is never forced, and it is never courted by an approach to vulgarity. The company seem to enter completely into the fun of the thing and to enjoy it as much as the audience. Their spirit is unflagging and their perception of the possibilities of every position complete. If it be true that a good hearty laugh saves a man a doctor's bill, "The Man of the Hour" will enable every playgoer to add a long list of credits to his medicine account. The prolonged success of the piece on the eastern circuit last season is due to the fact that it is so happily constructed that it can be seen again and again without a moment of weariness. The company which Managers William A. Brady and Joseph R. Grismer are sending here is a special one and is made up of Arthur Maitland, T. S. Guise, M. J. MacQuarrie, John Moore, Felix Haney, Paul Byron, William Lloyd, H. J. Hewitt, Edward Dewey, F. E. Warner, Madeline Wintrop, Anna Roeder and Florence Mack.

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Union Men of City to Reject Goods of Foreign Manufacture.

At the regular monthly meeting of the Victoria Trades and Labor Council, held yesterday evening, the union label committee presented a report, which showed that a great quantity of goods that could easily be made in Victoria was imported from abroad and from the East. This was first brought to the attention of the council by the Typographical Union, and the work of the label committee is the result. They strongly advised a campaign in favor of home industry. A batch of labels was printed by the committee in a neat form, each containing 24 labels—the back being gummed—and all union men were requested to carry them continually in their pockets, and when they receive goods from any merchant that was not made in Victoria or British Columbia, they were urged to return the goods with one of these little labels pasted on the goods. The label bears the words: "Why was this not made in Victoria? Others contain the words: 'Support home industry' and we will support you." It was decided to issue another with the words: "Why were these goods not made in Victoria by union labor?"

The work of the Typographical Union and the label committee of the council was highly commended, and it was decided to enter upon a strenuous campaign in favor of home-made goods and it is confidently hoped that every merchant and householder will back up the efforts of the workers. At this point C. H. Chamberlain presented his credentials as a delegate from the Cooks' and Waiters' Union, in place of Mr. Garland, who retired.

R. P. Pettipiece, general secretary of the Vancouver Trades and Labor Council, wrote to urge the formation of a "Provincial Trades and Labor Congress," and asking if the Victoria council would pledge its support to such a movement.

The secretary explained in answer to questions that the proposed B. C. Trades and Labor Congress would be composed of delegates from all trade unions as well as delegates from the various trades and labor councils, and would be tributary to the "Trades and Labor Congress of Canada." The main object of the provincial congress would be to attend to all labor business of a provincial nature, business that the Labor Congress of Canada found it impossible to give proper attention to on account of the vast size of the Dominion.

After discussing the subject pro and

con, the council decided to postpone definite action until the different local unions had time to discuss and consider the subject.

The executive committee were instructed to act in conjunction with the Electrical Workers' Union and the Street Railway Men's Union with a view of settling some questions of what definition should be placed on certain laws governing and indicating the local jurisdiction of the different unions.

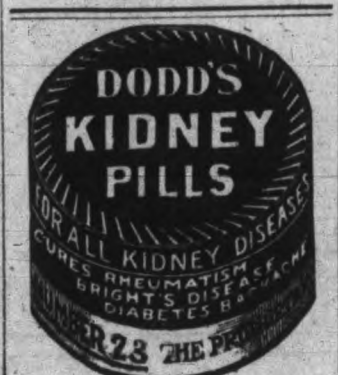
It was announced that the executive council of the Canadian Labor Congress intended putting W. R. Trotter in the field as general organizer, and the secretary was instructed to write the executive asking that he be allowed to spend part of his time organizing in the extreme Canadian west.

The proportional system of voting was taken up and discussed at considerable length, and demonstrations given. It was argued that it was the system of the future under which all elections would be conducted, and that the Dominion government had already appointed a royal commission with Mackenzie King as chairman, and before another year the matter would be laid before the people of Canada in the most intelligible manner possible by an authority that will scarcely be questioned. In view of these facts the council decided that the sooner the workmen commenced to study the system the better.

The secretary announced that he had received from the Minister of Labor the Year Book on labor. He had also received from G. H. Barnard, M. P., a copy of the Canadian Year Book, and a volume of the "Leaflets on Farming," which contained a splendid lot of information on general farming. A vote of thanks was passed to the Minister of Labor and also to Mr. Barnard for their thoughtfulness in sending the publications mentioned.

The municipal organization committee reported having already held several meetings, and the work was being rapidly placed in a good workable shape. Delegate McEachern, vouched for the fact that no scheme that the council had ever fathered promised to reach such a successful conclusion.

A hitherto unknown picture by Rembrandt is reported to have been discovered in an obscure gallery of the Danish Royal castle at Fredensborg by M. Carl Madsen, one of the directors of the national museum at Copenhagen.



PRINCE RUPERT WANTS LIGHT

DELEGATION WAITING
UPON GOVERNMENT

W. Manson Will Probably Press Claims for Cabinet Rank.

W. Manson, M. P. P., of Prince Rupert; H. H. Clarke and J. J. Sloan, of the same city, reached the city last evening. They have come to Victoria for the purpose of interesting the provincial government in the matter of providing an electric lighting plant at Prince Rupert.

Up to a few weeks ago the new city had a lighting system supplied from the sawmill at Seal Harbor on the outskirts of the place. A fire destroyed the mill and with it the heart of the electric lighting system. Since that time the residents of Prince Rupert have had to rely upon coal as an illuminator.

This is proving unbearable and the residents desire a modern system of electric lighting. The company is prepared to sell out its interests consisting of the lines of wire, poles and accessories. To this could be coupled up a generating plant and the whole system would again be in working order.

The citizens propose to make the electric lighting a municipal matter. The government is to be asked to provide for the purchase and installing of the necessary plant at once on the understanding that when the city is incorporated in the early days of the session, the full liability for the whole system shall become a charge upon the city and be owned and controlled by it. This would be in line with the government's action with respect to water and street work at the northern metropolises.

Mr. Manson's name has been mentioned in connection with the cabinet. It is presumed, therefore, that his mission here will also have to do with pushing his claims to recognition in that line.

ARRESTED IN FLORIDA.

Vancouver, Dec. 16.—Fred Hart, a former Winnipeg boy, until recently cashier for the Dominion Trust Company, of Vancouver, was arrested on Tuesday in Florida charged with embezzling two thousand dollars from his late employer. He left Vancouver on November 24th. A Vancouver police officer will be sent after him.

A supplementary estimate of \$100,000 for the purchase of 1,000 small arms and a battery of eight landing guns for the instruction of the apprentice seamen at the Great Lakes naval training station at North Chicago, was submitted to the

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TRAVEL LARGE FOR WINTER SEASON

Australian Senate Discusses Press Cable Rates—Much Mutton Arrives.

Steamer Aorangi, which arrived this morning from the Antipodes brought 117 passengers for this port and Vancouver, and about 300 tons of freight. She had an unusually fine trip, hardly a gale being experienced all the way. She passed the Makura just this side of Honolulu and the Marama just after starting.

Among the passengers on the steamer was B. T. Rogers, of Vancouver, who has been looking after his interests in Suva, where he has plantations and a sugar mill. Many of the passengers were bound to San Francisco, going on night on the steamer Unatilla. The following is the full passenger list:

A. Roundy, Mrs. G. G. Cooley, G. Denton, C. J. Williamson, D. E. Dunbar, Mrs. Dunbar, W. Stanley, B. T. Rogers, H. W. Bellington, Mrs. H. Garritty, E. B. Sharples, G. Leiser, J. T. Reynolds, Mrs. Reynolds and two children, A. Keller, Richmond Young, J. S. Rigolet, A. G. Sweet, N. de la Chenez, Cromelin, A. G. Braithwaite, T. J. Parker, H. Eggerth, W. J. Conroy, Mrs. C. Schmidt, Mrs. S. S. Wilson, Miss M. Travers, J. Brunton, J. B. Tweedie, Mrs. M. Thomas and child, Miss E. Rogers, J. P. White, Mrs. White, F. White, Miss M. Andrews, Miss K. Christie, B. Sampson, G. H. Walmsley, H. Edgecombe, H. B. Smith, F. M. Ward, J. J. Luitel, Mrs. J. Marc, W. Carlyle, H. J. McKay, A. Saunders, L. Gardiner, J. Woodland, F. Day, E. G. Gecoe, J. Ringland, Master Ringland, J. Wittendale, Mrs. Wittendale and child, F. Moorhouse, Mrs. F. Moorhouse, Mrs. F. Loran and child, A. J. Reinecke, H. Cather, Miss M. Tuerke, Miss A. Gibbard, R. Day, R. Featherstone, A. B. Belnap, J. R. Duffin, Miss A. Hart, H. Moore, Miss L. Hopper, A. Jackman, R. G. Weatherhead, H. H. Luxton, Miss A. Bagley, John McClure, Mrs. McClure, A. Cutler, T. Chessman, Mr. and Mrs. C. Dale, M. Elliott, Jas. Flynn, D. Guttman, R. Hesketh, W. Hesketh, Thos. Kelly, G. Leer, Mrs. Leer and child, A. Kay, J. Mitchell, G. Macfarlane, H. McKinnis, Mr. Pollard, Mrs. Pollard and five children, R. Purcell, W. Patterson, G. Saunders, H. Turner, H. Tipton, H. C. Thetford, G. Fay, Geo. Von, John Wilson, Mrs. Wilson, Miss Wilson, J. Weir, L. C. Smith, James O'Reilly. The cargo consisted largely of mutton, hides and wool, and hardware.

AORANGI OWNERS TO REPLACE HER UNWILLING TO GIVE UP SHARE IN LINE

P. O. to Invade New Zealand Territory to Divert Travel.

The old Australian liner Aorangi which arrived this morning from the south is to be replaced by a steamer from the New Zealand Shipping Company. At present the Union Steamship Company of New Zealand have two-thirds interest in the line, and the New Zealand Shipping Company, which owns the Aorangi, has the other third. It was generally thought that the latter firm would be glad to sell out its interests, but business has so much improved during the last year that the minority holders are unwilling to relinquish. They are becoming impressed with the fact that the line has a great future and they will in all probability provide the steamer to replace the Aorangi. What steamer it will be no one seems to know, but it will be a much larger and finer boat than the Aorangi.

INTERESTING CARGO ON KNIGHT OF THISTLE

Seven Hundred Tons of Salt Herring Being Taken at This Port.

Steamer Knight of the Thistle, which is loading 700 tons of salt-herrings at the outer dock, will leave here tomorrow morning, calling at Japanese and Chinese ports, and proceeding as far as Manila, when her charter to the Holt company expires. She will then go north to Downey to load beans from Manchuria. These beans are taken to the United Kingdom and are used in the manufacture of oil, the pulp being then fed to cattle.

The vessel, besides taking the herring from this port, has in her hold 1,000,000 feet of lumber for Manila; 100,000 sacks of flour, 800 tons of acetate of lime, 300 bales of cotton from Oklahoma for Japan, 5,000 cases of salmon and some other small consignments. She could have taken nearly another 1,000 tons to bring her cargo up to her capacity of 10,000 tons.

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LIFEBOAT BEING SENT TO PACHENA

New Motor Boat Expected at Beginning of Year.

Steamer Newington, which is engaged in the government service on the West Coast, will before her arrival in port, replace the life-saving station from Banfield to Pachena. Since the building of the trail along the coast it has been found that Pachena is a more suitable place from which to operate and also nearer the scene of former wrecks, Cape Beale and neighborhood being considered the most dangerous point along the Coast. The surf boat will be operated at that place. The new motor lifeboat is expected to arrive at the beginning of the year, and for the rest of the winter it will be operated from Banfield, until it has been definitely proved which is the more suitable place.

RESTORER CHARTERED TO REPAIR CABLE

Work Will Probably Occupy Several Days.

Steamer Restorer, has been engaged by the B. C. Telephone Company to repair the cable between this city and Bellingham via the islands. For some time this line has been giving trouble, and now it has given out altogether. The price to be paid for the work is \$3,000. This cable has four cores, one of which is leased by the Times for press dispatches, another is used by the Western Union Telegraph Company, a third by the stockbrokers, and the other for the telephone. In all probability the repairs will take several days, the work commencing at once.

SHIPPING REPORT

(By Dominion Wireless.)

Tatoosh, Dec. 15, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; wind east; bar, 30.05; temp., 35; sea moderate; in 4-masted schooner, at 5.30 a.m.; in 4-masted schooner at 6.30 a.m.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 15, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; bar, 30.45; temp., 35; sea moderate.

Point Grey, Dec. 16, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; wind northwest; bar, 30.44; temp., 35; sea moderate.

Pachena, Dec. 16, 8 a.m.—Clear; wind east; bar, 30.39; temp., 36; sea moderate.

Etevan, Dec. 16, 8 a.m.—Clear; calm; bar, 30.05; temp., 35; light swell.

Tatoosh, Dec. 16, noon—Clear; calm; wind northwest; bar, 30.46; temp., 35; sea moderate. Out steamer at 3.30 a.m.

Cape Lazo, Dec. 16, noon—Clear; calm; bar, 30.47; temp., 36; sea moderate.

Point Grey, Dec. 16, noon—Clear; calm; wind northwest; bar, 30.44; temp., 44; out, Princess Ena at 9 a.m.

Pachena, Dec. 16, noon—Clear; calm; bar, 30.61; temp., 38; light swell; steamer Newington southbound at noon; Tees off Friendly Cove, southbound at noon.

Steamer Belle of Scotland will leave for Comox to-day for bunker coal, and will then sail for Japan to await orders. It is thought that she will be sent to Java to load sugar.

TENDERS.
SEALED TENDERS, marked "Tender for S. S. Vidette," now on the ways at White Horse, Yukon Territory, addressed to the undersigned, will be received up to noon on Tuesday, 15th February, 1910.

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American bottom.
Hull—Douglas fir throughout, 58 feet over all.
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R.N.W.M. Police.
Ottawa, 1st December, 1909.

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S. S. PRINCESS MAY—Sails SATURDAY, DEC. 25th, calling at VANCOUVER, Campbell River, Alert Bay, Swanson Bay, Kitimaat, Hartley Bay, Claxton, Port Essington, PRINCE RUPERT, Port Simpson, KETCHIKAN, Juneau, SKAGWAY, and every two weeks thereafter.

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FOR MAYOR

To the Electors of the City of Victoria.

LADIES AND GENTLEMEN:
I beg to announce that I am a candidate for Mayor at the approaching election. After having served as Alderman for three years I now respectfully solicit your vote and influence for the important position, and promise to do my utmost for the progress and betterment of our city. My views have already been published and will be more fully explained from the platform. My principal objects are a water supply. The securing of Sooke as a water supply.

The introduction of more efficient management of the public works department. A systematic improvement in making and beautifying our streets and parks.

A. Henderson
SYNOPSIS OF CANADIAN NORTH-WEST LAND REGULATIONS.

Any person who is the sole head of a family, or any male over 18 years old, may homestead a quarter section (160 acres, more or less) of available Dominion land in Manitoba, Saskatchewan or Alberta. The applicant must appear in person at the Dominion Lands Agency or Sub-Agency for the district. Entry by proxy may be made at any agency, on certain conditions, by father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister of intending homesteader.

DUTIES.—Six months' residence upon and cultivation of the land in each of three years. A homesteader may live within nine miles of his homestead on a farm of at least 20 acres solely owned and occupied by him or by his father, mother, son, daughter, brother or sister.

In certain districts a homesteader in good standing may pre-empt a quarter section alongside his homestead. Price \$20 per acre. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of six years from date of homestead entry (including the time required to earn homestead patent) and cultivate fifty acres extra.

A homesteader who has exhausted his homestead right and cannot obtain a pre-emption may take a purchased homestead in certain districts. Price \$200 per acre on any available lands on either odd or even numbered Sections south of Township 45, east of the Calgary and Edmonton Railway and the west line of Range 25, and west of the third Meridian, and the Sault Railway line. Duties.—Must reside six months in each of three years, cultivate fifty acres and erect a house worth \$200.

COAST.—Cultivating rights may be leased for ten years at an annual rental of \$1.00 an acre. Not more than 5,000 acres can be leased to one applicant. Royalty, five cents per acre.

QUARTZ.—A person eighteen years of age and over having made a discovery may locate a claim 1,000 feet by 1,000 feet. Fee, \$20. At least \$200 must be expended on the claim each year, or paid to the Mining Recorder. When \$500 has been expended on the claim and other requirements complied with the claim may be purchased at \$100 an acre.

PLACER MINING CLAIMS generally, 100 feet square. Entry fee, \$5.00. DREDGING.—Two leases of five miles each of a river may be issued to one applicant for a term of 99 years. Rental, \$10 a mile per annum. Royalty, 10 per cent, after the output exceeds \$10,000.

Deputy of the Minister of the Interior. N. B.—Unauthorized publication of this advertisement will not be paid for.

NOTICE

"NAVIGABLE WATERS PROTECTION ACT."

Notice is hereby given that the Cameron Lumber Company, Limited, having its registered office in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, is applying to His Excellency the Governor-General of Canada, in Council for approval of the area plans, site and description of works proposed to be constructed in that part of the waters of Victoria Harbor known as Selkirk Water, between Point Elliot bridge and Halibut Island, being on the lands situate, lying and being in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and known, numbered and described as Lot "D," Garbally Estate, and has deposited the area and site plans of the proposed works and a description thereof with the Minister of Public Works at Ottawa, and a duplicate thereof with the Registrar-General of Titles in the Land Registry Office, in the City of Victoria, British Columbia, and that the matter of the said application will be proceeded with at the expiration of one month from the time of the publication of this notice in the Canada Gazette.

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Per D. O. CAMERON, Secretary.

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W. B. OLIVER IN JAMES BAY EXPLAINS PLATFORM TO THE RATEPAYERS

Meeting Endorses His Candidature for the Mayoralty.

"The whole matter of civic administration is one of business, and business entirely, and if I am elected mayor I will do my best to carry it on as a business affair."

This declaration of W. B. Oliver, made at a meeting of ratepayers of James Bay district, held in South Park school last night, was received with cheers. The meeting was a very friendly one to the candidate, and concluded with an endorsement of his candidature.

Peter J. Riddell was called to the chair, and in his opening remarks said there were several reasons why Mr. Oliver would make a good mayor. He was a practical business man, a strong man in the sense that a public man should be strong, able, persuasive and of a magnetic personality. His record as reeve of Oak Bay was proof of his ability. The two important matters before the city were those of water streets, which were at present in a deplorable condition. These matters Mr. Oliver was quite competent to deal with. Under his administration Victoria would assume its proper place.

Mr. Oliver opened by clearing away some misunderstandings as to his candidature. He looked upon the interests of the whole surrounding country as identical with those of Victoria, and their prosperity depended upon conditions in the city. In Oak Bay the council had done things in a fair way, but the prosperity of that municipality had been stopped by the inefficient management of Victoria's affairs. He felt that he could do more good for Victoria, Oak Bay and the whole of this end of the island as mayor of Victoria than as a councillor of Oak Bay, and for this reason he was offering himself as a candidate. In his canvass he had met a few electors, Mr. Oliver said, with local interests, men who would vote for a man who would promise to do what they wanted in some little local matter rather than for an otherwise good candidate who would not make a promise. For himself, he would make no promises. His platform as to water and streets was before the people. There were several other civic matters, but it was impossible to give an opinion without going into the particular facts. The place to consider and discuss these was the council or, better still, the committee room. A man who pledged himself to certain action on this, that or the other matter was in a sense dishonest, because he might be pledging himself to something the council would not give, and in any case no man should pledge himself in regard to anything without knowing all the details. The Beacon Hill controversy was instanced as one matter regarding which it was impossible to express an opinion without access to all the facts. So far as the law went Hon. Dr. Helmecken's position could not be assailed, but the privileges allowed to the bowling club did not appear to be of an

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absolute nature. They were revocable at the will of the council, and the club was only there on sufferance. At the same time the council should not give any privileges rashly. Mr. Oliver did not think any candidate should be tested by his views on local option, board of control and such things. The whole matter of civic administration was one of business, and the duty of the mayor and council was to carry out the law as it stood.

In regard to the water problem Mr. Oliver said the whole facts and figures in the possession of the city or the Board of Trade or anyone else should be placed before the ratepayers and their opinion taken as to what steps should be taken. Then it would be for the council to carry out the wishes of the people. His own idea, though he was not wedded to it, if it did not meet the views of the people, was to have a water board which would acquire all the systems and supply the municipalities and districts of the south end of the island. He explained his scheme and pointed out how it would prevent the charging of rates which must ensue more and more if things went on as at present.

Mr. Oliver deprecated public condemnation of the city engineer instead of putting the blame on the council, who were his masters. He had found that advice which the engineer had given him in regard to Oak Bay matters had been good. It was a shame for the council or the public to make out that the whole blame of the innumerable mistakes of the past year was on the head of the engineer.

The proper plan for local improvement work, he went on, was to grade the streets into those which were public, those which were practically only of benefit to the people living on them and those between and between. The cost of work on general thoroughfares like Government street, Douglas street and Fort street should be borne half and half, while on private streets the owners should pay the whole. There were too many cases of main thoroughfares being allowed to lie while work was done on insignificant streets. The shilly-shallying of the council in paving material questions was ridiculed. The engineer should know what class of pavement best suited different streets, and his decision should be accepted.

T. C. Sorby asked Mr. Oliver if he would be in favor of an independent audit of the city's accounts. Mr. Oliver replied that he was strongly in favor of this.

The chairman asked him if he favored the abolition of wards.

Mr. Oliver said he certainly was. The ward system tended to smallness and pettiness. Lieut.-Col. A. W. Jones remarked on a peculiarity of civic work, touched on by Mr. Oliver, that main streets were left without attention while time and money were spent on side streets which did not require it. Work had been stopped on Cook street for months. Rockland avenue had a very heavy traffic on it, and received no care, while the adjoining Meiers street, a dead street in a sense, was fixed up beautifully, although not a wagon used it. These were things which needed remedying.

S. R. Newton declared that Victoria would do well to elect Mr. Oliver, whose record in Oak Bay spoke for itself. He repudiated any idea that Oak Bay was getting anything or would get any favors with Mr. Oliver as mayor. Such an idea was absurd to those who knew Mr. Oliver.

Endorsement of Mr. Oliver's candidature was carried unanimously on motion of J. Herrie McGreggor, seconded by T. C. Sorby.

THREE YEARS FOR KILLING.
Little Rock, Ark., Dec. 16.—Judge Lea here yesterday sentenced M. Y. Ellis, charged with killing N. P. Willis, of Indianapolis, to three years in the penitentiary.



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The Baraca Class.

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Solo, P. E. Petch.
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MEN'S INVICTUS, Dry Sock, Bellows Tongue Boots \$6
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ROAD CROSSINGS.

To the Editor: Do take a look at the
state in which the Tramway Company
in laying the loop line from Fort St. J.
Yates street, have left the crosswalks,
which they raised with the permission
of the city engineer, but which they
have not relaid in a proper or work-
manlike manner. It is now impossible,
after a slight rainfall, to cross Doug-
las street at either of the points named
without wetting your feet or almost
losing the polish which a ten-cent
shine has purchased. Please, Mr. Edi-
tor, give the frequenters of Douglas
street the benefit of a corner in your
columns and oblige.

MANY PEDESTRIANS.

HOME FOR AGED SEAMEN.

To the Editor:—
For over forty years our aim
has been to help poor Jack.
When the snows of age have crowned him
And he's on the homeward track.
We give a pension to the tar
Who isn't quite alone.
And a cabin snug at Belvedere
To Darby minus Joan.

The British merchant sailor is an in-
dispensable link in binding together
that great family, scattered
throughout the world, goes to make
the British Empire. It cannot therefore
be to them a matter of indifference
what becomes of the sailor when 'too
feeble for another cruise—when the last
wave has cast him high or dry on the
shores of the Old Country—too often,
alas! a wreck!

The nature of his calling has largely
prevented him making any organized
provision for old age, and his condition
is often complete destitution.
The Royal Alfred Aged Merchant
Seamen's Institution has come to his
assistance at this crisis of his life, and
over 2,500 such human derelicts have
either found a home in the institution's
beautiful park at Belvedere,
Kent, where
"Their anchors are cast, their sails are
all furled,
They have weathered the ocean's deep
chiding,
And safe from the buffeting waves of the
world,
Here, in Belvedere haven, are riding."
or have been granted the out-pension
at their own homes throughout the
United Kingdom.
No longer can it be said of the British
sailor that—

"Where he goes and how he fares
Nobody knows and nobody cares."
The committee are assured that
many Britons beyond the seas would
be glad to assist in this noble patriotic
work, and they would be greatly cheer-
ed and encouraged by such assistance.
J. BAILEY WALKER,
Secretary.

BETTER LEFT ALONE.

To the Editor: I think your corre-
spondent A. B. C. might turn his
talent to better use than eulogizing the
Chink and interceding for cheap labor
from that source. For instance, the
Suffragette question, or the controller
subject, or even the Smith's Hill re-
servoir. The Oriental question seems
very well settled. Did not Mr. Barnard
win his election on the pronounced
policy of total Asiatic exclusion? Has
not Mr. McBride emphatically declared
for a white British Columbia? Of
course, there are some doubts about
Mr. Bowser.

The matter of the poor \$20 pensioner
or the poverty-stricken \$20 clergyman
is not worth considering. But he states
that the unskilled white laborers are
a bad lot to bring into the country
and that they are not a blessing to
the land in which they settle.

No, but they are good enough to
consume the whisky and the brandy
and beer that these advocates of cheap
Chinese labor manufacture and force
upon them. Yes, send the white la-
borer to hell in a flood of distilled dan-
nation and then send a \$20 clergyman
to pray his soul out of purgatory and
think yourself very benevolent and
righteous indeed.

Another advocate of Chink labor re-
fers to race suicide as a result of the
impossibility of securing cheap female
help.
If the unskilled white laborer is such
a curse to the country then by all
means encourage white race suicide.
But does not that entire population
among the wealthy? The very ones
that could best afford to pay liberally
for household help. It apparently has
become such a common practice for
ladies to belong to so many clubs and
societies and unions and bridge whist
parties and every conceivable organi-
zation, public or private, fashionable
or benevolent, that they have no time
left to mother a child, provided they
were asked to adopt an orphan, much
less to have a child of their own.

Considering the number of wealthy
Chinamen on this coast and the amount
of gold annually sent to China, the
Chink must be very human and his
avaricious desires are not so easily
gratified.

That good, though poor, old preacher,
Paul, spoke no truer axiom than the
one, "The love of money is the root
of all evil."

Somewhere we read of a certain rich
man lifting his eyes in hell and seeing
some one and uttering a cry to some
one. Will it be for his dear cheap
Chink?

DOOMED WHITE LABORER.

TELEPHONE DEAL.

Toledo, Ohio, Dec. 15.—Announcement
was made here yesterday that J. P.
Morgan & Co. have purchased a ma-
jority of the stock of the United
States long distance and Cuyahoga
Telephone Company, of which James
S. Brailey, Jr., recently secured con-
trol. Brailey has also perfected a
deal for the independent plants of
Columbus and Dayton, Ohio, and the
unofficial information that they and
the new long distance company of
Indianapolis and the Toledo Home
Telephone Company will be acquired
also by Morgan & Co. is credited. Con-
trol of the six companies is said to
represent a cash outlay of \$5,000,000.
The deal announced is said to be the
first investment of the financial in-
terests of Morgan & Co. in independent
telephone companies.

CIVIC ELECTIONS IN PRAIRIE PROVINCES

Calgary, Dec. 16.—The municipal elec-
tions resulted as follows: Mayor, R. R.
Jamieson (acclamation); commissioners,
A. G. Graves, S. J. Clarke; aldermen,
G. H. Ross, George Wood, N. Halliday,
William Ross, James Smalley, M. R.
Brookbank, J. W. Mitchell, M. C.
Wallace, Dr. Egbert, C. B. Rolley, C.
T. Jones. The plebiscite upon a com-
mission framed upon the Des Moines
plan adopted the idea by a vote of three
to one in favor.

No Sunday Cars.

Strathcona, Alta., Dec. 16.—The
plebiscite on the Sunday street car
question resulted in a majority of 42
votes against the operation of Sunday
cars. The following city officers were
elected: Mayor, J. J. Duggan (accla-
mation); aldermen, H. H. Calder (accla-
mation), T. Richards (acclamation),
J. G. Tipton, W. G. Congdon, J. F.
Pollard; public school trustees, J. J.
McKenzie, Dr. F. W. Crang, John
Shields.

Regina.

Regina, Dec. 16.—Municipal elections
resulted as follows: Mayor, R. H.
Williams (acclamation); for aldermen,
ward 1, Shaw; ward 4, Sinton; ward
2, A. D. S. McCannell (acclamation);
ward 3, George Brown (acclamation);
ward 5, A. D. Wright (acclamation);
public school trustees, D. S. McCannell
and W. T. Mollard (acclamation); col-
lege institute trustees, H. W. Laird, P.
McCannell and James Balfour (accla-
mation); separate school trustees, An-
dreas Mueller, John McCarthy.

Edmonton.

Edmonton, Dec. 15.—Edmonton has
returned Robert Lee, last year's mayor,
to another term by a majority of 53,
after the hottest and closest contest
in years. Aldermen, Armstrong,
Hyndman, Mould, Millard.

Other Points.

The following mayors were elected at
other points:

Prince Albert, Sask.—Andrew Holmes
Davidson—John Wilson (acclama-
tion).

Rosthern—D. S. McGregor.
Swift Current—A. W. Snider,
Wapella—A. T. Morrison.
Saskatoon—William Hopkins.
Whitewood—R. S. Park (acclama-
tion).

Qu'Appelle—J. P. Beauchamp.
Weyburn—Dr. R. H. Smith.
Caron—Dr. Elgin A. Gray.
Moosejaw—E. G. Matthews.
Stoughton—David Donnelly.
Milestone—J. R. Mackenzie.
Estevan—J. G. Hastings.
Balgonie—W. H. Kalbfleisch.

Local Option.

Wolsley—Local option resulted in
nine majority against.

Yellow Grass—Local option carried
by one majority.

Moosehills—Local option carried by
five majority.

POST OFFICE ROBBED.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 16.—A sack con-
taining \$117 in gold and silver coin was
the haul made by a sneak thief from
the sub-post office in a grocery store at
the Denny Way, owned by M. Slat-
land. Evidently in haste, the thief
overlooked a sack containing \$9 in bills,
which was also in the cage, and regis-
tered mail packages worth \$67, were in
a sack.

The store in which the branch of-
fice is maintained is divided in two
rooms, connected by two doors.
When the robbery occurred the pro-
prietor was out for lunch and the store
was in charge of a woman. She was
busy waiting on several people and it
was upon her return to the post office
during a lull in the trade that she
learned of the loss.

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First: Cut out the end of the package marked "DIRECTIONS."
Second: Cut out the coupon which appears in the "Times" every evening.
Third: Paste the two together and fill in your name and address (write plainly) and de-
posit it in the Sealed Ballot Box provided for the purpose at G. D. CHRISTIE'S SHOE
STORE, corner Government and Johnson streets, Victoria, B. C.

If this is not convenient, send same addressed to WESTERN SOAP COM-
PANY, LIMITED, P. O. Box 1057, Vancouver, B. C., and mark in corner of en-
velope, "LIGHTHOUSE SOAP COMPETITION."

The ballot box will be opened by a committee selected by yourselves on SAT-
URDAY EVENING, JANUARY 29, on which day the competition closes. The
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ASK YOUR GROCER ABOUT IT.

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Address

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Times every evening and the
end of the package of Light-
house Soap are necessary. So
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UP-STAIRS.

REFINERS PAY**SHORTAGE IN DUTIES****U. S. Government, However, Does Not Waive Rights to Take Action.**

New York, Dec. 15.—Special Assistant Attorney-General Stimson announced yesterday that a result of Federal investigation as to weights on which duties were paid on sugar landed here by the Arbuckle Bros., sugar refiners, it was ascertained that there had been a shortage in duty payments by that firm amounting to \$995,573. Mr. Stimson stated that this sum had been repaid in cash to the United States treasury by the Arbuckle Brothers.

Mr. Stimson said that the investigation into the Arbuckle Brothers' importations was begun last June and that the firm voluntarily turned over all their books. The shortage in the payment of duties covered a period between 1908 when the Arbuckle refinery commenced operations in November, 1907. The shortage was reported to the Arbuckle firm, said Mr. Stimson, and as soon as they had verified the government figures they voluntarily offered to pay the shortage to the government without suit. Mr. Stimson said: "This payment has been accepted by the secretary of the treasury in payment of all civil claims against the Arbuckle Brothers. This settlement in no wise affects the criminal prosecution of any individuals who may be shown to be responsible for the commission of frauds in respect to any of those named, and the investigation and prosecution of any such person will be vigorously pushed."

The government is now in receipt of the following voluntary restitutions and fines from importers of raw material: The American Sugar Refining Company (voluntary) \$2,000,000; the American Sugar Refining Company (fine) \$15,000; Arbuckle Bros. (voluntary) \$995,573; total, \$2,015,573.

TELEGRAPH COMPETITION.

New York, Dec. 14.—The relations of the two great telegraph companies were discussed with apparent frankness yesterday by Edward J. Nally, president of the New England Telegraph Company, at the investigation conducted by the state legislative committee with a view of putting telegraph and telephone lines under the state public service commission.

Mr. Nally said that the stock of his company was owned by the Commercial Cable Company, which controls the Postal Telegraph Company of Connecticut, which in turn acts as holding company for the 41 postal subsidiaries. It is generally understood, he said, that the Mackay company, a Massachusetts business association, owns practically all the Commercial Cable stock.

Asked about "a community of interests" between the Western Union and Postal Company, Mr. Nally declared that there was the hottest sort of competition between them so far as service was concerned.

About 50 per cent. of the telegraph business of the country, he declared, is competitive business, and he thought the two big companies split this about evenly.

"I think the present condition of the Western Union," he said, "is due to the unprofitable railroad business they carry."

He considered that the contract between the Postal and the Pennsylvania railroad, whereby the company operates along the railroad's right of way, was unprofitable to the Postal.

WEEKLY WEATHER SYNOPSIS.

Victoria Meteorological Office, 8th to 14th December, 1909.

At Victoria, there were registered 9 hours 10 minutes of bright sunshine; highest temperature, 49 on 12th; lowest, 23 on 14th; rain, 2.71 inches.

At Vancouver—Bright sunshine, 30 minutes; highest temperature, 48 on 12th; lowest, 33 on 8th; precipitation, 3.94 inches.

At New Westminster—Highest, 48 on 12th; lowest, 22 on 8th; precipitation, 4.49 inches.

At Kamloops—Highest, 52 on 12th; lowest, 10 on 8th; precipitation, 12 inch.

At Barkerville—Highest, 34 on 12th; lowest, 4 on 8th; precipitation, 1.90 inches.

At Port Simpson—Returns incomplete.

At Atlin—Highest, 30 on 13th; lowest, 24 below zero on 8th; snow, 10 inch.

At Dawson—Highest, 12 below zero on 13th; lowest, 41 below zero on 9th; no precipitation.

MUST REPORT ACCIDENTS.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 15.—The bill requiring common carriers engaged in interstate and foreign commerce to make full reports of all accidents of the interstate commerce commission, and authorizing the commission to investigate such accidents, was called up in the House yesterday and passed. It goes into immediate effect upon becoming law. Under its terms carriers are required to make monthly reports of all accidents, but are relieved from the requirements in their annual operating and financial reports.

LOCAL STOCKS

(By Courtesy N. B. MaySmith & Co.) (Private Exchange.)

	Bid.	Asked
American Canadian Oil	100	100
B. C. Amalgamated Coal	100	100
B. C. Permanent Loan	125.00	125.00
B. C. Pulp & Paper	80	80
B. C. Refining Co.	90	1.00
B. C. Copper	7.00	7.25
Bakeries, Limited	7.25	7.25
Canadian Northwest Oil	14	15
Diamond Coal	65	75
Diamond Vale Coal & Iron	10	11
Drum West Permanent	117.50	117.50
International Coal & Coke	80	80
McGillivray Creek Coal	25	25
Nicola Valley Coal & Coke	65.00	65.00
Nootka Marble Quarries	5.50	5.50
Northern Bank Certificates	50.00	50.00
Crown Certificates	50.00	50.00
Northern Oil	100	100
Pacific Loan	33.00	33.00
Pacific Whaling (pref.)	60.00	60.00
Portland Canal Mining	35	35
Rambler Cariboo	20	20
Royal Collieries	25	25
South African Scrip	650.00	650.00
Silica Brick	1.25	1.25
Stewart M. & D. Co.	10.00	10.00
United Wireless (untamped)	10.00	10.00
Victoria Transfer Co.	50.00	50.00
Western Coal & Coke	1.70	2.30
Capital Furniture	5.00	5.00

NOAH WAS BLACKBALLED

Detroit, Mich., Dec. 14.—The Society of Naval Architects rejected Noah for honorary membership, when his name was proposed as the father of the ship designing profession. The reason given was "that Noah was a game-keeper and not a ship designer primarily."

It all depends on the point of view. It is the same with "Fruit-a-tives." Some people take "Fruit-a-tives" for Constipation and Biliousness. Others use them for Stomach Troubles and Dyspepsia. Still others find "Fruit-a-tives" an excellent tonic and blood purifier. Many more say that "Fruit-a-tives" are the best Kidney Regulator and a certain cure for Neuralgia and Rheumatism. For all these troubles, "Fruit-a-tives" may be said to be infallible.

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For Rent—Houses

TO RENT—Furnished, a five roomed house on Fort street, with all modern conveniences. Apply on premises, 849 Fort street.

THE ROOM IS ON—Last your property now at the right price for quick sale. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

TO RENT—Furnished house, 4 rooms, kitchen, pantry and bath. Apply over 151 View street.

WE ARE REVISOR our old property lists and listing new properties for our advertising campaign, which will commence Monday, Dec. 13th. List your property now. We have established the old Tourist Association's Rooms on Fort street. Sales office, Rooms 4 and 5, Mahon Bldg. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd.

FOR RENT—1 roomed house, with large garden and stable, on Yates street, between 12th and 13th. \$25 per month. Gillespie & Hart, 113 Langley street.

FURNISHED COTTAGES TO LET, with electric light, bath, hot and cold water. Apply to Mrs. M. R. Smith, Sea View, 124 Dallas road.

For Sale—Acreage

GEORGE—5 acres on the George, suitable for subdivision, near Victoria Gardens; price \$200 per acre. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

TRANSIT ROAD, Shoal Bay, a half acre lot, price \$750, near sea and car line. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd., Mahon Bldg.

FOR SALE—Section 25, Highlands District, 100 acres, crown granted, 60 acres good bottom land, fishing lake on property, good hunting, price \$250. Write P. O. Box 383, Vancouver, B. C.

LIST YOUR PROPERTY with us now. We are revising our list of our big advertising campaign commencing Monday, December 13th. Our listing office is located in the old Tourist Association's Rooms, Fort street. Sales office, Rooms 4 and 5, Mahon Bldg. N. B. Maysmith & Co., Ltd.

FOR EXCHANGE—1 section wheat land, fenced, 30 acres, 4 miles from good town, 21 from siding, for 20 acres good improved farm in Southern Vancouver Island; must be near school. Box 102, Tofield, Alta.

ONE HUNDRED AND SIXTY ACRES for sale in Highland District, close to modern beach log house, beside stream which never goes dry; good hunting and fishing; some land cleared, but mostly timbered; \$1,200. Box 606, Times Office. 410 ft.

WANTED—To buy, prairie land in exchange for Victoria home containing 5 acres of land, mixed with rocks and good land, suitable for chickens, 2000 roomed cottage, large barn, chicken house, fruit trees, and fine water supply, over the place, plenty of fuel, and all enclosed. Apply to P. O. Box 43, Victoria.

For Sale—Articles

FOR SALE—1000 B. C. Oil Refining shares at \$1.05. P. O. Box 772. 421

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BEING CALLED HOME—I must sell my business, and prefer teaching new arrival; a splendid chance for capable woman; will take \$50 down and terms. Box 84, Times.

NEARLY NEW oak roll top office desk and swing chair, cost \$70. The Exchange, 718 Fort street.

XMAS PRESENTS—A chance to obtain your Xmas gifts at your own price. Selling at and below cost. Auction sale every Saturday afternoon 1:30, and evening 7:30. Alaska Bazaar, 1129 Government street.

FOR SALE—Tools, guns, clothing, curios, crockery, scales, etc., at a sacrifice. At the Xmas Second-Hand Store, Oregon Alley, Johnson street

Patronize the Store That Gives You Value for 75c

Housewives are alive to the fact that much money can be saved at Ross'—that quality is the finest and everything is fresh and up-to-the-minute here:

FINEST SMYRNA FIGS, per lb. 25c.
FINEST SMYRNA COOKING FIGS, 2 lbs. 50c.
FINEST BASKET FIGS, 2 baskets for 1.00
SMYRNA FIGS, per box 1.50
HOLLOWAY FIGS, per lb. 25c.
FARD DATES, per lb. 25c.
HONEY-MADE PLUM PUDDINGS. You should try these, they're better than mother used to make, each, 25c., 50c., 75c.

SPECIAL TO-DAY

Finest Smyrna Table Figs, 10-pound box for 75c

DIXIE H. ROSS & CO.

Independent Grocers. Tels. 59, 51, 52 and 1599. 1317 Government St.

THE EXCHANGE

We have a lot of very pretty
AUSTRIAN ORNAMENTS from
25c. FRUIT SETS from \$1.75.
Children's books and many
other books suitable for presents.

John T. Deaville, Prop.

H. W. DAVIES, M. A. A. AND SONS

712 FORT STREET.

Have for PRIVATE SALE a large
quantity of

New and Second-hand Furniture

Cooking and Heating Stoves
Incubators, etc.

Stewart Williams & Co.

AUCTIONEERS AND COMMISSION
AGENTS.

HOLD WEEKLY SALES AT THEIR
ROOMS.

Sales held at private residences by
arrangement.
City agents for the Atlas Assurance
Co., of London, England.

For Sale Privately

Several pieces of old English Furni-
ture: Mathematical Instruments by
"Stanley," African Kerosene, very fine
camera, "Onyx" and "Etnal" Swiss
Clocks; almost new Piano Music Cab-
inet; English Saddle; 2 Overmantels;
very good Parlor Suite, etc.

St. Williams, the Auctioneer

Maynard & Son

AUCTIONEERS.

Having removed to Salesroom, 1314
BROAD STREET, for convenience of
Sale, we will sell on

FRIDAY, 2 p. m. ELEGANT OAK

Furniture and Effects

Cabinet Grand Upright Piano

By Haynes Bros.

This is a splendid lot of furniture. Full
particulars later.

MAYNARD & SON, AUCTIONEERS.

READ THE TIMES



Dominion Carriages

FIRST IN QUALITY
LATEST
IN
DESIGN
BEST
IN
FINISH

B. G. HARDWARE COMPANY, LTD.

510 JOHNSON STREET

Office Phone 82

Phone 1611

For Epicurean Xmas Guests

You will need something out of the ordinary such as these—

Olives, stuffed and plain.
Mushrooms, white and black.
Artichoke, fronde.
French Peas and Beans.
Fresh Vegetables, an endless
variety here.

Finest Fruits, domestic and for-
eign.

Apples, a fine display; special
values.

Chestnuts, White-Meat Walnuts.

BON-BONS AND XMAS STOCKINGS.

The West End Grocery Co., Ltd.

1002 GOVERNMENT ST.

Tels. 33 and 1761.

MONTREAL MAN BUYS B. C. MARBLE

JAMES CARRUTHERS GETS LARDO PROPERTY

Deal Put Through During Re-
cent Visit to This
Province.

The Montreal Herald in a recent issue
gives prominence to the announcement
that James Carruthers is now sole owner
of Marble Mountain, of Lardo, B. C., but
falls into the error of stating that the
plant at Lardo is "the only marble plant
in Canada." Vancouver Island possesses
perhaps the largest marble plant in Brit-
ish Columbia at the property of the
Nootka Marble Co., at Nootka Sound, on
the west coast. It may be mentioned in-
cidentally that the marble being worked
by the latter company is perhaps superior
to any deposit being worked in any part
of Canada, and that plans are afoot for
greatly increasing the plant and the out-
put.

Referring to the Lardo property the
Herald says:
Mr. James Carruthers, well known in
local grain circles, has just returned from
an inspection of the only marble plant in
Canada, situated near Lardo, B. C., on
the Lardo branch of the Canadian Pacific
railway. The company producing this
marble is known as the Canadian Marble
Works, Limited, and Mr. Carruthers is the
sole proprietor of the plant, having
purchased it during his recent western
trip. The quality and quantity of marble
at the disposal of and being produced by
this plant is such that Canada will very
soon be relieved of the necessity of im-
porting this handsome building material
from the United States and Italy.

"We believe there are billions of cubic
feet of marble there, and judging from
what has been uncovered in our present
operations, of the finest quality," said
Mr. Carruthers. "The whole mountain
appears to be of marble. White marble,
blue marble and variegated marble have
all been exposed by the preliminary
excavating. Here and there we have found
portions equal to the finest Carrara statu-
ary marble. In one of the glacial periods
an upheaval must have caused the moun-
tain to slide and the present angle is 41
degrees."

SCHOOLS CLOSING FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Exercises Will Be Held in Many
Local Centres To-
morrow.

To-morrow the pupils of the various
public schools in this city will enjoy
freedom from their studies for two
weeks. School lessons in that time will
not be given a second thought by the
children, as their minds will be full of
the Christmas spirit. This vacation,
although a short one, is generally en-
joyed better by the children than the
long one at midsummer, as there is
such a lot in store for them at this
season.

Closing exercises will be given at
most of the schools, although there are
a few which have decided not to have
any.

The closing exercises in connection
with the South Park school will com-
mence at 2.30 o'clock. A good pro-
gramme of musical selections will be
given and several of the school trust-
ees will be present to deliver short
addresses.

At 4 o'clock to-morrow morning the
children of the Kingston street school
will entertain their parents and friends
in the assembly room of the South Park
school. In past years a good pro-
gramme has always been given by the
members of this school, and the chil-
dren promise a good one to their
friends to-morrow.

The Oak Bay school will commence
their exercises at 10 o'clock, to which
all friends and parents are invited to
attend.

A musical and literary entertainment
will be given by present and former
pupils of the North Ward school to-
morrow evening at 8 o'clock. The en-
tertainment will consist of vocal and
instrumental selections, choruses, dia-
logues and fancy drills. The price of
admission is: Adults 25 cents, children
15 cents. The proceeds will go into a
fund for the purchase of a piano for
the school.

No exercises will be held at the
Girls' Central, Boys' Central or High
schools. The classes at these schools
will be dismissed by the teachers.

The closing exercises of the Hillside
school will be held to-morrow morn-
ing, commencing at 10.30 o'clock. An
excellent programme of songs will be
rendered by the members of the school,
while several addresses will be given
by those interested in the work of the
children there.

MAKES KIDNEYS ACT FINE ENDING MOST SEVERE LAME BACK AND BLADDER MISERY

Just a Few Doses Will Regulate
Your Out-of-order
Kidneys.

A real surprise awaits every sufferer
from kidney or bladder trouble.
Takes several doses of Pape's Diuretic.
Miserable back, sides or loins, sick
headache, nervousness, rheumatism,
pains, heart palpitations, dizziness,
sleeplessness, inflamed or swollen eye-
lids, lack of energy and all symptoms
of out-of-order kidneys simply vanish.
Uncontrollable urination (especially
at night), smarting, offensive and dis-
colored water and other bladder mis-
ery ends.

The moment you suspect kidney or
urinary disorder, or feel any rheuma-
tism, begin taking this harmless medi-
cine. On the knowledge that there is

NO GROUND FOR ANXIETY.

Russians Dispose of Rumors of Prob-
able Conflict With Japan.

St. Petersburg, Dec. 16.—In a semi-
official communique referring to the
anxiety which is beginning to permeate
the business community owing to dis-

quieting far-eastern rumors and an
impending Russo-Japanese conflict,
the government has emphatically de-
clared all rumors of such complica-
tions are absolutely unfounded. It
points out how in four years since the
last war the government has con-
cluded a whole series of international
agreements, which are destined to
wipe out all traces of enmity left by
the war. In fact, the communique
says all reports of the government
confirm the existence of complete
goodwill with Japan.

FATAL WOUND.

Coaticook, Que., Dec. 16.—Eugene
Guérin died to death Tuesday night as
the result of the slipping of a knife,
which cut the main artery in his ab-
domen. He was engaged in dressing
a calf at the time of the accident. He
was 24 years old and married.

MAY PURCHASE MINE.

Calgary, Dec. 16.—A municipally-
owned coal mine is now talked of by
the Calgary commission. Mayor Jam-
ieson appears favorably impressed
with the proposal.

—James L. Raymur, water commis-
sioner, had not up to this morning re-
ceived any reply to the telegram which
he sent on Tuesday to Arthur L.
Adams, notifying the latter of the de-
cisions of the city council that he should
come here and make a report on the
condition of the reservoir at Smith's

THE BEST VALUES IN SILVERWARE

Are to Be Found Here—The Handsomest Designs, Too

IF you would get the best values and the best choice in that famous 1847 Rogers Bros. Silverware, come to the head-
quarters for such lines. Our Silverware Department offers you a full range of this make, and there's an absence of
"exclusive" prices. Look at the prices on the few lines listed here—you'll find them as low and in some cases lower than
any quoted anywhere else in the city.
And remember, too, that these are the newest and best designs, and that this price includes a splendid silk-lined
case—a dainty gift package. Come and choose the gift where price and choice is best.

Vintage, Daffodil, Lotus, Avon, Vesta, Fanenil, Priscilla, Concord patterns shown.

GRAVY LADLES, many choice pat-
terns, each in lined case at.....\$1.50
BERRY SPOONS, nine beautiful pat-
terns from which to choose, at.....\$2.50
and.....\$2.00
SOUP LADLES, choose from the very
newest ideas, in lined case, at.....\$4.00
SUGAR SPOON AND BUTTER KNIFE,
the two pieces in lined case at.....\$2.00
and.....\$1.75
JELLY KNIVES, some very handsome
creations, each in lined case, at.....\$1.50

Casseroles at \$5 to \$15

Here we offer you one of the best Christ-
mas gifts of the season—to a homemaker.
Send one of these handsome and serviceable
Casseroles, and you'll send something that is
sure to be appreciated. Such pieces are de-
cidedly popular just now, and these are the
handsomest that the largest silver-makers
in the world produce. An excellent choice,
priced at—

\$5 TO \$15

Give a Child

a table set that will be
all its own. While you're
buying, buy something good.
We sell the best plated ware
at a moderate figure.

"1847 ROGERS BROS."

"Silver Plate that Wears"
We have a variety of styles,
and sets.

Priced at \$1.75

COLD MEAT FORKS, a splendid gift
item. Each in lined case, at.....\$1.50
CAKE FORK, choose one of these as a
gift. Each in lined case.....\$1.50
OYSTER FORKS, six of these in lined
case, per set.....\$3.00
PIE KNIVES, several attractive pat-
terns, each in lined case, at \$3.00,
\$2.50 and.....\$2.00
A. D. COFFEE SPOONS, set of 6 in
lined case, many patterns. Per set.....\$2.00

Silver Tea Sets \$15

We have just opened some of the finest
examples we have ever shown in these, and
we invite you to come in and inspect the
wonderful showing. You'll see some in the
Government Street window and many more
inside. To say that you'll like them is put-
ting it mildly.

3-piece sets, \$45.00 to.....\$15.00
4-piece sets, \$25.00 to.....\$15.00
5-piece sets, \$40.00 to.....\$25.00

Decorate Your Xmas Table With These Shades

Of course you want to have the table "just right" for the holiday
"spread." Can't be correct without the use of some of these Candle Shades.
For nothing adds so much to the attractiveness of the table or home. Our
showing of Candle Shades embraces some decidedly dainty and attractive
creations, in paper and silk. Many styles and colorings. Prices are small
enough to permit anyone enjoying the added charm of such items.

PAPER SHADES, from 40c to.....5c
SILK SHADES, from \$3.00 to.....40c

We also stock Mica Lining, Candle Holders, Cuirasses and all such items.
You'll find your every need filled from this stock of ours. Come in and look
over the stock at your leisure.



Popular Gift Pieces

¶ We show a very complete
collection of fancy and useful
things in

CHINA AND GLASS

in all the new shapes, in a large
variety of patterns and decora-
tions, at popular prices.

¶ Notwithstanding their low
prices we assure you that there
is no piece in the collection that
is not worthy and up to date.

¶ An inspection will convince
you how low the prices are.

Baby Plates at 35c

A SPLENDID GIFT SUGGESTION

For the little tot busy with the first at-
tempts at eating from a plate, here is a gift
suggestion of real merit—a Baby Plate.
These plates are so constructed that the
problem of getting the food on the spoon
is easy—a special rim does the trick. This
rim also protects the table cloth from dis-
aster by retaining the food in or on the plate.
Several attractive decorations—nursery
rhymes, A B C, etc. Price is small enough
—only.....35c

Baby Mugs of Silver—Another Gift Suggestion for Children

We show some very attractive Silver
Mugs that would delight the heart of a
youngster, and the prices are so little that
your purse will find it easy to let you have
the pleasure of bringing such joy to some
little one.

Visit the Silver Shop and see what we
can offer you at \$1.75, \$1.50 and.....\$1.00

Practical Presents

NOTHING BETTER THAN FURNITURE

A practical gift, of course, and there's noth-
ing better than furniture. And where else in
the West will you find such a magnificent
assortment of suitable pieces?

We have two large floors filled with sam-
ples—not stock, but just samples, and in the
lot you'll find hundreds of suggestions for
practical gifts. Come in and let us show you
through or come and wander at your leisure.
There isn't the slightest obligation to pur-
chase incurred in so doing. Choose a piece
now and let us deliver later.



Interesting Economies in Gift Things

¶ They are new, fresh china
goods, in the latest shapes and
decorations, arrived directly from
the other side.

¶ The orders for these exquisite things
were placed months ago. Since then
there have been sharp advances by
the European manufacturers. Still
another advance is threatened.

¶ Gift seekers will be glad to know
we have priced them, as if no advance
had been made.

¶ Remarkable beauty, for little money.

¶ That's the whole story.

WEILER BROS. HOME FURNISHERS VICTORIA SINCE 1862

BEEF SCRAPS FOR POULTRY

Armour's Beef Scraps are made from the best grade of cracklings. The
cracklings are obtained by us in fresh condition and are free from dirt
and all foreign matter. No excess of fat. The finest egg-maker on the
market. Per 100 lbs., \$2.50; per 50 lbs.\$1.00

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Peter McQuade & Son

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—AGENT—

Allen Whyte & Co. (Rutherglen, Scotland) Wire Ropes; Hub-
buck (London) White Lead, Linseed Oil; Davies (London)
White Lead and White Zinc; H. Rodgers & Sons (Wolverham-
pton) Gen White Zinc; Sherwin Williams Paints and Oils.

We also have Elephant, Tiger and Burrell's White Lead.

bill. Until Mr. Adams' reply has been
received nothing can be done in re-
spect to the pending investigation of
that piece of civic work.

The mayor and aldermen will have
a busy session to-morrow evening. A
special meeting of the board of health
has been summoned for 7.30 o'clock,

a special meeting of the council for
7.45, and the regular session of the
streets, sewers and bridges committee
will commence at 8 o'clock. The special
meeting of the council is to deal with
a by-law making an appropriation of
a sum of money in connection with
paving work.